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## Peace Pledge: No war with Iraq

**A**S THE DRUMS OF WAR on Iraq beat louder, hundreds of thousands of people are looking for ways to make their opposition heard.

The AFSC's phones are ringing, mailboxes are jammed with letters, and e-mail messages are flying. The number of signatures on the Iraq Peace Pledge, cosponsored by the AFSC\*, more than doubled in three months, stands at 15,000 as this is being written, and should triple or quadruple in the next few weeks.

The Peace Pledge declares opposition to military and economic war on Iraq. Economic sanctions imposed on Iraq since before the Persian Gulf War have caused

suffering and death of an estimated one million Iraqi civilians, according to UN reports.

The sanctions prohibit importing any materials that could be used for building weaponry and have resulted in the collapse of roads, hospitals, schools, and structures for water treatment and sanitation. Plus, with the sanctions' severe restrictions on trade, the Iraqi economy is in ruins. After twelve years of this, most Iraqis live in poverty and disease, with little chance to educate their children.

In urging support of the Peace Pledge, the AFSC solidly opposes war against Iraq and encourages the use of diplomatic solutions. At the same time, the AFSC opposes continuing the economic sanctions, which were initially imposed as an alternative to war and then as a tool to insure the disarmament of Iraq.

The Peace Pledge is one of many ways U.S. citizens have voiced their opposition to attacking Iraq. According to the AFSC office in Washington, D.C., and Friends Committee on National



Adil Nuami (left), project director of the AFSC's partner in Iraq, shows a water treatment center near Baghdad to Quaker/AFSC delegation members (left to right) Rick McDowell, Peter Lems, and Joanne Comerford.

Legislation, legislators' offices are being flooded with phone calls, cards, letters, faxes, and e-mail messages that overwhelmingly oppose a U.S. attack on Iraq.

In spite of this and Iraq's invitation to renew weapons inspections with no conditions, the U.S. government is proceeding with war

plans, making people feel their opposition is strangely disregarded. As a young woman said while signing the pledge in late September, "War looks inevitable at this point, but I have to be able to tell my children someday that I opposed it."

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### N.Y. office provides a pacifist response to 9/11

## 'Defined by the choices we make'

For AFSC staff, volunteers, and committee members in New York City and the surrounding metropolitan area, the grief of September 11 remains raw. But they are rooted, still, to their belief that pacifism holds the key to justice and healing.

"The difficult challenge of responding as a Friend to the inexplicable, intended destruction of September 11 was facing the inner core of one's pacifism and finding it inadequate," says Elizabeth Enloe, director of AFSC's New York Metropolitan Regional Office.

In the midst of the uncharted grief of people grasping for sense amidst chaos, the struggle has been to offer viable and credible alter-

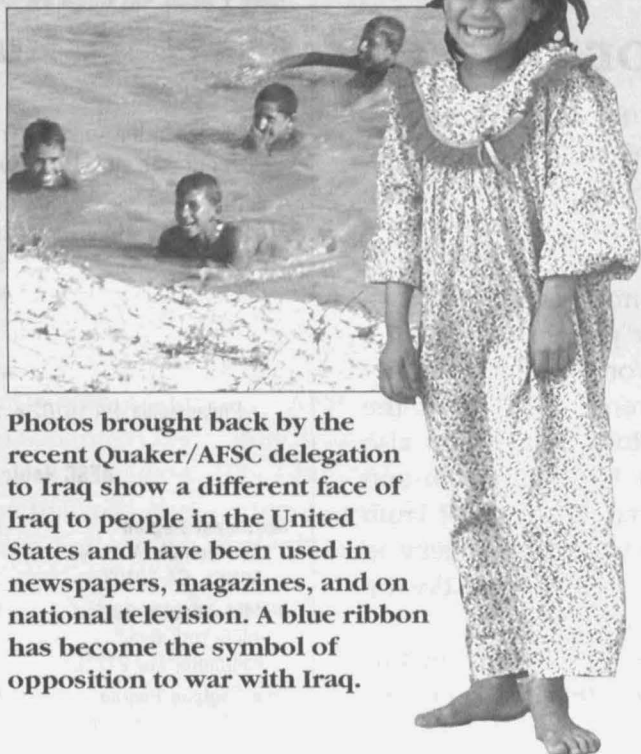
natives to violent retaliation.

"We will be defined by the choices we make in the aftermath of this tragedy," Elizabeth says.

This deep personal concern to be guided by Quaker principles of nonviolence led Elizabeth and her colleagues in New York to advocate that options to war are best found in the paths of justice, and that the assurance of national security lies in the preservation of the Bill of Rights and international law.

In the immediate aftermath of the attacks, everyone connected with the AFSC's New York office responded with contributions of food, clothing, and other material items to those in need.

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Photos brought back by the recent Quaker/AFSC delegation to Iraq show a different face of Iraq to people in the United States and have been used in newspapers, magazines, and on national television. A blue ribbon has become the symbol of opposition to war with Iraq.

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## A new strategy for peace

IT HAS BEEN DECADES since the United States experienced the horror of prolonged war. So it's too easy for the people of our nation to imagine that war—although tragic—isn't such a horrible alternative; that, in the wake of last year's September 11 attacks, our national pride is at stake and must be avenged through military force.

The American Friends Service Committee is profoundly and fundamentally committed to peace. We also believe in justice. Those involved in the attacks on our nation must be brought before a court of law for a fair trial. But war is never the answer. Too many people die—young men and women in the military and innocent civilians whose only crime is being in the wrong nation at the wrong time.

War has a horrific cost, and once started, the path of a war cannot be predicted. But we can learn from the lessons of the past and understand that war can and must be avoided.

To play our part, the AFSC has developed a strategy to work for peace:

1. oppose militarism and the widening war;
2. support institutions and practices that offer another path;
3. learn who benefits from and who pays for the current U.S. military system; and
4. build a popular, broadly-based peace movement to change U.S. policies.

Our strategy is international in scope and includes a number of specific actions in the United States.

For example, we must lift up the human face of war—to see civilian victims as individuals and show the true consequences (bloody, tragic, neither thrilling nor romantic) of war. We will need to finance speaking tours for people

from Afghanistan, the Philippines, Colombia, and countries in Africa so they can tell their stories to those who don't quite understand what war on the ground is like.

We also must oppose dangerous new policies on nuclear weapons. Just when we thought the nuclear arms race was over, the Bush administration is tearing up treaties, researching new weapons, and changing U.S. nuclear doctrines in a way that makes it more likely that we'd use nuclear weapons in a war. Fifty years of arms control work is being dismantled at a dismaying clip by an administration that believes we should be willing to use nuclear weapons—even against non-nuclear countries.

Furthermore, the AFSC is working to secure funding for our Made in Texas campaign, which takes a close look at military contractors in that state. An astonishing 60 percent of U.S. military exports comes from plants in Texas. Using "reality tours," educational material, and special events, the project will lay bare the economics of U.S. military spending and its links to the oil industry.

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The AFSC's plan is ambitious. To be successful, we need to face a number of truths:

- We must recognize that this war will not end soon. This will change the context of much of AFSC's work, and we must have the flexibility and responsiveness to bring a different vision to our country.

- We must be ready to work with other organizations and coalitions in the peace movement, to organize more efficient and broadly based efforts toward peace.
- We must reach beyond our friends and allies, finding ways to touch the hearts and spirits of those who don't yet realize the enormous cost of military action.

- We have to create the space in our nation for principled dissent of this war.

In the aftermath of the September 11 attacks, AFSC responded vigorously. That response included releasing \$2.2 million from the organization's reserve for immediate relief and antiwar work, and speaking up for those affected by the erosion of civil liberties at home.

Now the time has come to do even more—to fight for the future safety of our nation, our society, and our brothers and sisters around the world by undertaking a new strategy for peace.



Mary Lord spoke at the Unite for Peace memorial service on Sept. 11, 2002, in Philadelphia, Pa.

Mary Lord is the interim director of the AFSC's Peacebuilding Unit.

## ONE VOICE

Mary Ellen McNish

### A time to speak and act boldly for peace

As this issue of *Quaker Service Bulletin* goes to press, we are witnessing an extraordinary push toward war with Iraq. Yet that country already is buckling under the weight of twelve years of misery created by the United Nation's misguided economic sanctions.



Mary Ellen McNish

This untenable situation reminds me of a remark in an Epistle issued by a Quaker/AFSC delegation that visited Iraq this past June: "The government of Saddam Hussein is oppressive and undemocratic, but [the sanctions] have further concentrated control over resources and made the population even more dependent on government programs...for survival. It is the people of Iraq who are suffering and who will face certain tragedy in an expanded war."

We, as people of faith and conscience, need to hold our Iraqi brothers and sisters in the Light as we struggle to clear the way for a peaceful resolution. Our efforts must include a continued call for the U.S. government to pursue diplomatic alternatives to war through the UN. It also

is vital to advocate for regional disarmament and an end to the economic sanctions.

One of my great hopes is that people in the United States will understand that now is the time to witness and act for peace. Again, I find guidance in the words of the Quaker/AFSC Epistle: "Even as we resist the demonization of Saddam Hussein, we must also resist the demonization of President Bush and other U.S. government officials. The way of Truth requires us to recognize our own complicity in policies carried out in our name if we do not speak and act boldly to oppose them."

I urge you to read the cover story in this issue of *Quaker Service Bulletin*, "Peace Pledge: No war with Iraq," and to support the AFSC in the way you feel most called. These are extraordinary times. Let us all speak and act boldly for peace.

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# Array of programs focuses on immigrants and refugees

**I**N A MOMENT of rising xenophobia and increased threats to the human and civil rights of individuals labeled "outsiders," AFSC continues to broaden and deepen its commitment to immigrants and refugees. Efforts stretch from supporting a local celebration of cultural pride to sponsoring an international gathering on migrant and refugee rights. Here are some highlights of recent work:

## Following years of planning

by AFSC's U.S. immigration program staff, the AFSC Board of Directors approved and provided initial funding for Project VOICE. The five-year integrated effort will strengthen the capacity of local immigrant leaders to achieve national visibility and have an impact on the most pressing concerns of human dignity in their communities.

In addition to leadership development and policy impact, the project will build new allies among nonimmigrant groups and document human rights abuses. Maria Jimenez, nationally known immigration rights leader and former director of the collaborative Immigration Law Enforcement Monitoring Project on the Mexico-U.S. border, will coordinate the project.

As the United States and European Union countries harden

their immigration policies, new and established immigrants and their families from Latin America and the Caribbean are enduring great hardships. Increased enforcement of immigration laws, deportations, and detention of undocumented immigrants have resulted in migrants using more dangerous routes to cross borders, and families living in fear of arrest and detention.

As one response, the AFSC helped organize a three-day gathering of nongovernmental, church-based, and grassroots organizations this past August in Quito, Ecuador. The 70 participants established basic guidelines for the respect, protection, and monitoring of migrant and refugee rights. Their report was presented to the meeting of the Vice-Foreign Ministers of South America. Participants also created a South American Network of Civil Society Organizations for Migrations, which will work to ensure that the human rights of migrants, refugees, and displaced persons are respected across borders.

**TAMEJAVI!** What does this word mean? In Fresno, California, this past April, it meant a two-day festival of immigrant music, poetry, and theater, as well as an open-air market of food and handmade goods.

"Tamejavi" is coined from Hmong, Spanish, and Mixteco words that mean a cultural harvest



Immigrants from Mexico, Southeast Asia, and Central America collaborated on the Tamejavi Festival this past April in Fresno, California.

PHOTOS: EDUARDO STANLEY

market. The festival was organized by the AFSC's Pan Valley Institute and the Civic Action Network, which links immigrants' grassroots organizations.

Immigrants from Southeast Asia, Mexico, and Central America collaborated on the festival to celebrate and help each other understand their diverse roots and common experience. The participating organizations will continue working together on immigrant rights and policy change.

In a case of making a good thing better, the AFSC's Proyecto Campesino in Visalia, California, is

improving teacher training and support and revamping the curriculum of the citizenship classes it has conducted since 1996. The classes help recent immigrants pass their U.S. citizenship test and interview.

The project recently switched to a team teaching model, and college students are being trained to teach citizenship classes. These changes lay the groundwork for building a more stable corps of volunteer teachers who can extend the project's reach into outlying areas.

Meanwhile, the curriculum changes streamline the 14-week course and strengthen the project's efforts to link citizenship training to community organizing.

## Colombia campaign A resounding success

While the civil war in Colombia is not generating many headlines in the United States, the situation there is clearly of great concern to AFSC supporters. The proof is in the tremendous response to the recent *Paz!* Peace for Colombia campaign.

Launched this past spring by the AFSC's Emergency and Material Assistance Program (EMAP), the campaign provided information about the escalating violence in Colombia and the Andean region and allowed people to help in a small but significant way.

After mailing an initial information packet to Quaker schools, religious groups, and community organizations across the country, EMAP was flooded with requests for follow-up material. As a result, EMAP printed and distributed 500 copies of the educa-

tional game, "The Road to Peace for Colombia." Furthermore, nearly 4,000 Creative Kits (which included pencils, scissors, and notebooks), donated clothing, additional boxes of school supplies, and a generous supply of medicine were collected and will soon be delivered to displaced people in Colombia.

AFSC will continue to raise funds and sponsor peace work in Latin America, as well as educate more U.S. citizens about the needs of people in Colombia and its neighboring countries.

To learn more about AFSC's efforts to bring peace to Colombia, please log onto [www.afsc.org/lac/default.htm](http://www.afsc.org/lac/default.htm). For information about how you can help with future EMAP campaigns, visit the EMAP web page at [www.afsc.org/ematasst.htm](http://www.afsc.org/ematasst.htm).

## Encouraging victories for economic justice advocates

AFSC programs played key roles in two recent legislative victories that sent encouraging signals to advocates for just economic policies.

After a long, tiring effort by activists, the New Hampshire state legislature passed a \$5 million bond issue for affordable housing, the first state money for affordable housing since 1988.

"Like much of the country, New Hampshire is in the grip of a housing crisis," notes Martha Yager, AFSC staff in Concord, New Hampshire. Martha has been part of the New Hampshire Housing Forum, a state housing coalition that worked for two years to get the bond issue passed.

"Often, other funding sources for affordable housing don't make a project fly," she says. "This fund will fill that gap. It isn't nearly enough money, but it helps."

Meanwhile, in West Virginia, AFSC was part of a coalition that made headway in getting the state

to change some of its strict policies about welfare time limits.

In most cases, the state allows only one six-month extension to the 60-month limit for benefits. But as of this past summer, some victims of domestic violence can receive additional extensions. Furthermore, an upcoming court ruling may change state policies so that more families may qualify for extensions and those who have been denied can reapply for extensions with at least a fair hearing.

"This has been an exhausting struggle, the hardest I've been in," says Rick Wilson, program director of the AFSC's West Virginia Economic Justice Program in Charleston, which provided media outreach, worked with community groups, and supported a lawsuit to the West Virginia Supreme Court challenging the state's time-limits policy. "I hope we get more when the court makes its final ruling, but at least this is something."



## Making a difference

### Peace T-shirt raises money, consciousness

"Special Delivery" has a new meaning for our family. On August 7, my husband, Paul Croce, our children Peter and Elizabeth, and I visited the American Friends Service Committee in Philadelphia. It was the first time we'd been there and our purpose was to hand over the proceeds from the sale of "Peter Peace" T-shirts.

As Peter said, "I designed the Peter Peace T-shirt to show that patriotism and the love of peace can go hand in hand." As a family we sold shirts on the sidewalk in our hometown, at an arts festival, and through the mail. The first batch sold out immediately, and we reordered to keep up with demand.

Peter decided that AFSC should receive the profit from the sales because he knew that the money would help both people in the U.S. directly affected by the tragedy of September 11 and people suffering from the aftermath—particularly Afghans.

We enjoyed meeting AFSC staff, visiting the adjacent historic Friends

meetinghouse (very different from our Florida meeting!), and especially giving Peter and Elizabeth the chance to learn that their hard work will make a difference in many lives.

Ann Croce  
DeLand, Florida

To order the all-cotton T-shirts, contact the Croces at 320 W. Minnesota Ave., DeLand, FL 32720 or call (386) 751-9494. Children's sizes M-XL are \$15, including postage. Adult sizes S-XXXL are \$18, including postage.

### Fundraising update

The Croce family raised nearly \$2,500 from sales of the "Peter Peace" T-shirt and earmarked the proceeds for AFSC's No More Victims campaign. Hundreds of donors also gave to the campaign, contributing close to \$1.8 million. Among other activities, the campaign aided affected communities in New York City last fall and responded to the conflict in Afghanistan with direct food aid and emergency supplies such as blankets.

The Service Committee now has an office in Kabul and the program focus is education. AFSC is refurbishing elementary schools and hopes to build new schools at a cost of \$30,000 each. (See "Education is key to Afghanistan's future," p. 5.)



Left to right: Paul, Peter, and Elizabeth Croce, AFSC staffer Allison Budshalow, and Ann Croce

## N.Y. pacifist response

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Additionally, they focused on three areas:

- assuring legal counsel to those detained by the government after September 11, part of the AFSC's response to the erosion of civil liberties;
- forming the Pacifist Caucus to strengthen the pacifist voice and response to situations of extreme violence; and
- promoting international legal remedies instead of war and further destruction.

"It's timely to focus on conflict prevention, which is part of the UN lingo even if it's not part of the Bush administration's," says Jack Patterson, the Quaker Representative at the AFSC's Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO) in New York City.

Echoing AFSC's strong statement supporting the use of international law to bring the perpetrators of the

attacks to justice, QUNO has hosted diplomatic luncheons that focused on options for prosecuting terrorists under international law. The luncheons also dealt with the role of the International Criminal Court and post-conflict reconciliation and justice issues.

Reflecting on the past year and AFSC's emergency responses and service, Ann Morrell says, "I have been grateful to be among people who share my pacifist beliefs."

Ann, a fundraiser in the New York office, notes that she, too, has benefited from AFSC's efforts.

"The deep depression I felt following the attacks only began to lift when I found myself helping people so intimately affected by the catastrophe," she says. "I've supported AFSC for a decade for its relief work. I never thought I'd be delivering it in my own city."

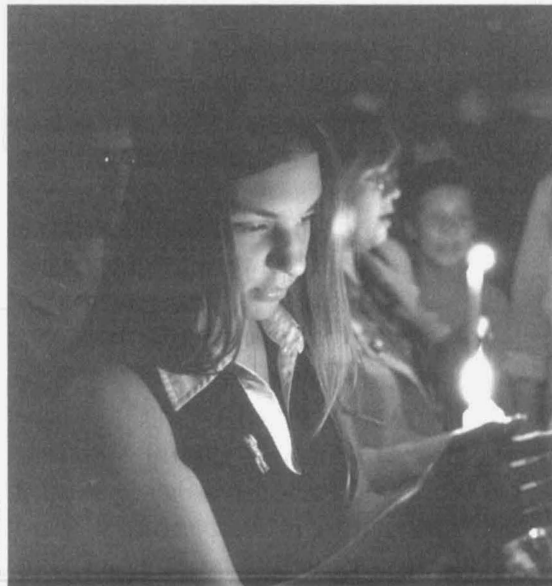
# 9/11 Seeking

## AFSC commemorates Sept. 11 anniversary

**T**HERE IS NO WAY TO PEACE. PEACE IS THE WAY.

Outspoken labor leader and antiwar activist A.J. Muste coined this pacifist maxim more than thirty years ago in the midst of the Vietnam War turmoil. It's a message that has long resonated with the AFSC and other advocates for nonviolence, and one to which they have turned, like a guiding light, since September 11, 2001.

A year after the tragic events of that day, AFSC joined with other peace and justice activists to commemorate the anniversary in ways that would continue laying the foundation for a more peaceful future. Those activities included:



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**September 6** The speaking tour No More Victims Anywhere: Voices of Hope Renouncing Terror and War began in Villanova, Pennsylvania. The tour was cosponsored by the AFSC and September 11 Families for Peaceful Tomorrows, a group of families who

lost loved ones on September 11 and are calling for nonviolent responses. The tour also traveled to seven other cities in the Northeast and Midwest.

**September 11** Staff in Vermont held a dedication ceremony for the Peace Monument, a sculpture carved out of a cedar tree by hundreds of youth.

A 30-second AFSC television advertisement ran in New York City; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Chicago, Illinois; and Los Angeles, California. The dramatic, text-only ad served as a memorial to the victims of the attacks and featured A.J. Muste's message of peace.

**September 16** Staff in Tucson, Arizona, initiated the No War On Iraq petition campaign, which also included educational videos about the situation in Iraq.

## CALL TO ACTION

On April 20, 2002, the AFSC cosponsored a march on Washington, D.C., that called for an end to the expanding "war on terrorism" and the erosion of democratic rights in the United States. An estimated 75,000 people from throughout the country attended. It was one of many events and organizing activities the AFSC has undertaken in response to the aftermath of the September 11 attacks. For more information, log onto the AFSC website at [www.afsc.org/911/Default.htm](http://www.afsc.org/911/Default.htm).



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# Peace

## in the aftermath

### Calling for justice and peace, not vengeance

In addition, throughout the United States, AFSC helped organize vigils and memorial services on September 11 that made space for those who wanted to grieve and honor their commitment to peace with justice.

One of those gatherings happened in Philadelphia, where AFSC cosponsored Unite for Peace, an interfaith service that drew hundreds of people.

The service was organized and attended by people from a broad cross section of Muslim, Christian, and Jewish faith communities. The service epitomized the hope for a more peaceful future through musical performances, speakers, and prayers from different faith traditions that moved and engaged the audience. Mary Lord, interim director of the AFSC's Peacebuilding Unit, spoke about the healing power of reconciliation and the need to avoid channeling grief over a horrific event into more violence. It is, she admitted, a difficult lesson to learn.

As Mary noted, "We live in a society that confuses vengeance with justice."

The service was followed by a mile-long candlelight procession that ended, appropriately, at Philadelphia's Love Park.



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The No More Victims Anywhere speaking tour began on September 6 in Pennsylvania.

### The organizing activities continue...

The attacks of September 11, 2001—and the subsequent "war on terrorism," erosion of civil liberties in the United States, and calls for war with Iraq—profoundly affected the AFSC's work.

Among other ongoing efforts, the AFSC is focusing on the rights of immigrants detained by the Immigration and Naturalization Service after September 11, helping victims in the United States and Afghanistan, and organizing to avert war with Iraq and alleviate the humanitarian crisis there.

In addition, the AFSC and other peace and justice activists are organizing follow-up activities to the one-year anniversary vigils and services. For more information, log onto [www.unitedforpeace.org](http://www.unitedforpeace.org), the website of an international coalition to which the AFSC belongs.

A summary report of the AFSC's September 11 related activities is available on the AFSC website at [www.afsc.org/nomore/91102.htm](http://www.afsc.org/nomore/91102.htm).



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Participants in the Philadelphia memorial service conducted a mile-long candlelight vigil.

## Education is key to Afghanistan's future

Their classrooms are in truck trailers and mosques, and they're making do with few if any of the supplies that are taken for granted in the United States, such as pencils, pens, and notebooks. They represent the future of their country, yet young people in Afghanistan are starting out at a severe disadvantage as they struggle to get an education.

While the needs in this devastated country are tremendous, the AFSC has identified the educational system as the area where its resources could be put to best use.

By some estimates, nearly 80 percent of the schools in Afghanistan have been destroyed or need significant repairs. And girls' education has been virtually ignored. In 1999, only three percent of Afghan girls were in school, a figure that's probably typical for at least the past five years.

In response, the AFSC is financing the rebuilding or refurbishing of several schools and is moving forward with several initiatives that will improve girls' education:

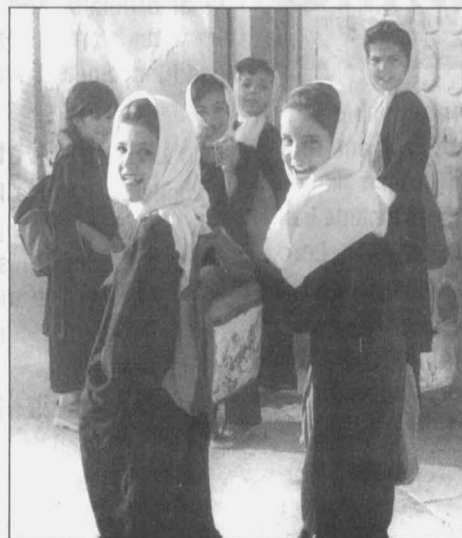
- A new, eight-room, \$30,000 primary school is being built in Kokoor, about fifteen miles west of Kabul. It will serve about 360 boys and girls from several villages.
- AFSC funds refurbished a medical school women's dorm and made it possible for a primary school to paint and install new doors, windows, floor matting, and a playground set. AFSC has purchased ten sets of four playground items—a merry-go-round, swing set, slide, and see-saw—that will be distributed to other schools.
- A two-year project will train war widows in literacy and tailoring/sewing, a combination that advances their education and gives them a trade so they can support themselves and their families.
- Grants of \$5,000 to \$20,000 have been given to women's groups in refugee camps in Pakistan that have undertaken a variety of skill development projects. AFSC will continue to support several of these groups as they relocate to Afghanistan.

"We want to make local groups stronger, so we're working in close partnership with them," says Alice Andrews, program coordinator for the AFSC's Asia Region. She notes, for example, that an Afghan nongovernmental organization (NGO) is constructing the school in Kokoor.

There are three criteria for current and future work in Afghanistan: strong community involvement and support; government commitment to pay the teachers of any schools AFSC helps build; and a local partner that can undertake the construction work.

As Alice notes, "We don't want to take over the role of government or local NGOs."

**PHOTOS: (top) AFSC is providing playground equipment to Afghan schools; (left) girls' education is a primary focus of AFSC efforts in Afghanistan.**



DOUG HOSTETTER



## Program targets illiteracy—and opens hearts

By Karina Vasilevska

Six Ashkaljia children burst into the House of Friends in Mitrovica, Kosovo, and energetically greet their teacher and the center's staff with a loud *mirëdita!* ("hello" in Albanian).

They are there to learn the basics every first-grader needs to know: the letters of the alphabet, numbers, and different rhymes. The girls are somewhat more attentive than the boys, who are distracted at every opportunity.

This preschool is part of a bigger program at the House of Friends that targets illiteracy among the Ashkaljia, a minority group in Kosovo that faces ongoing discrimination and suffers from a high illiteracy and drop-out rate.

The House of Friends is a local nongovernmental organization established and still partly supported by the AFSC, which began work in Kosovo two-and-a-half years ago. In addition to the center, the AFSC supports a kindergarten program in a Roma camp in northern Kosovo. The hope is that the ethnically similar but nonetheless divided Roma and Ashkaljia communities can someday bridge their differences.

Ashkaljia children and youth have been coming to the House of Friends since it opened in June 2000. In addition to the preschool program, the younger children enjoy free activities such as dancing, drawing, singing, and playing, while the youth group has used the center as a meeting place.

House of Friends assisted the first-graders with school registration, preschool preparation, and overall transition from home to an environment with children of other ethnic backgrounds. And, starting in mid-September, the center began hosting a nine-month literacy training program for 15 Ashkaljia children and youth ages 9 to 20.

There are many reasons for the educational crisis among the Ashkaljia, including poor economic conditions, mistrust about the necessity for schooling, the need to work at home, and cultural attitudes against educating girls.

The House of Friends cannot change all of these factors at once, but staff can help Ashkaljia children enter school better prepared and with open hearts—which, in a country as ethnically divided as Kosovo, is quite an accomplishment.

*Karina Vasilevska is the coordinator of AFSC's Kosovo Programs.*



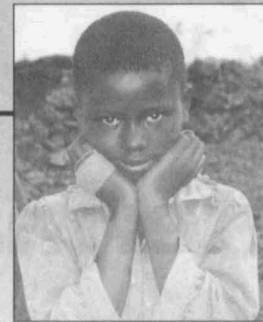
AFSC's Peacework magazine offers a special double issue for the fall: "Through a Glass Darkly: About Faith and Non-violence, Terrorism and Empire, War and Peacemaking—On the Anniversary of September 11." Authors include Paul Lacey, Michael Nagler, Muto Ichiyo, Jeff Halper, Mary Lord, and many more. Great resource for vigils, demonstrations, teach-ins, and classes. Contact Sara Burke, AFSC, 2161 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA 02140; phone: (617) 661-6130; e-mail: sburke@afsc.org. You also can read Peacework online, or subscribe to receive the magazine in print, at [www.afsc.org/peacework](http://www.afsc.org/peacework).

# AFRICA INITIATIVE

AFSC's new Africa Initiative is based on a vision for Africa articulated during a year-long process of consultation with the AFSC's civil society partners in Africa. At the international level, AFSC will build the capacity of its partners in Africa and develop new tools for addressing their long-term objectives.

Within the United States, AFSC will help rebuild a strong and well-informed constituency for Africa in order to influence public policy toward Africa. The Initiative also will create opportunities for Africans and people living in the United States to develop personal relationships and undertake cooperative projects that address a variety of issues such as debt cancellation for the poorest countries of the world, most of which are in Africa.

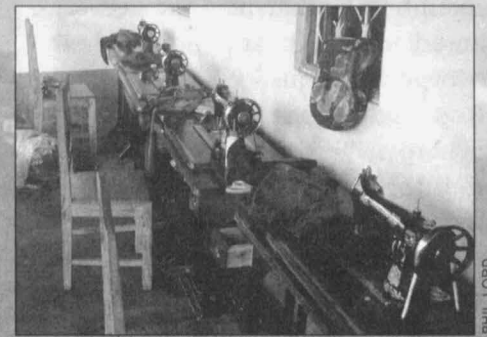
**PHOTOS: (top to bottom) Recent AFSC efforts in Africa include providing relief help in Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo, following a volcanic eruption, and school supplies and sewing equipment in Mozambique.**



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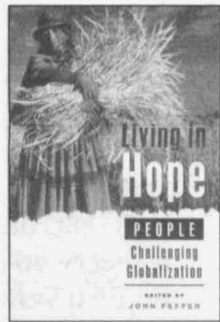


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# '...a sadness of cosmic scope'

By Lou Schneider

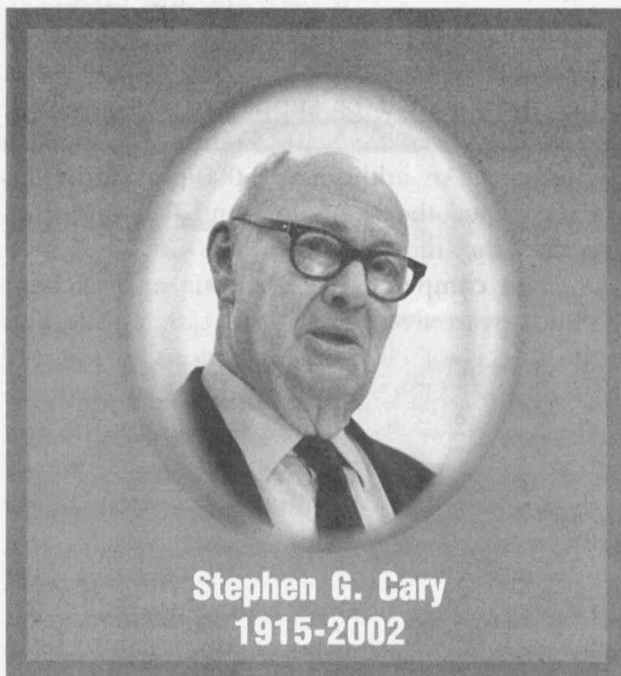
**T**HROUGHOUT SIX DECADES OF service, Steve Cary enlivened the American Friends Service Committee.

While on the staff his various roles as administrator were often suspended in response to critical happenings in our social order or in the international world. At such times, he was a leading spirit in developing innovative initiatives, both to deal with the issues and to confront those constituencies that were resisting or opposing healing and constructive ways to address problems.

While drawing on the already rich experience of the AFSC and generations of Quaker witnessing, his personal dedication to the necessity for nonviolence further strengthened that tradition. Under venturesome leadership, the AFSC has frequently demonstrated its capacity to take ad hoc approaches to social change. More often than not, Steve offered that leadership.

During the long years of the Vietnam War and the tumultuous years of the Civil Rights movement, Steve was among the faithful at vigils and in marches, being arrested and serving time in jail. His unqualified commitment to nonviolence endowed him with an eloquence that moved those around him to rise to their own responsibility to take a stand. To sense his constancy reverberating in others was always stirring.

Linked to this quality was his skill as a fine writer. This was especially drawn upon when he served as participant-editor of several working parties convened by the AFSC. Such publications as "Search for Peace in the Middle East" and "Speak Truth to Power" were landmarks in AFSC's struggle to effectively address seemingly intractable problems. Steve was forceful without being overbearing, clearheaded without being dogmatic. His "A Response to September Eleventh" in the Friends Journal, March 2002,



Stephen G. Cary  
1915-2002

has strengthened the resolve of many to keep faith with the Quaker peace testimony.

There was a touching tenderness in Steve. He was deeply moved by the distress and suffering he encountered immediately following World War II when he served as European commissioner for AFSC, overseeing severely needed relief work in a dozen or more zones and countries.

Steve would not have been Steve without his robust sense of humor. He loved to tell stories. At gatherings of old cronies his laughter could be heard above all others' as memories came back to life. At social occasions this was pure fun. But this same sense of humor often made it possible for him to see more than one side of an issue in serious discussions, sometimes resulting in a wiser view of what otherwise might have remained a dilemma.

Steve was an avid sports fan. At a Saturday

morning session of a weekend board of directors meeting, he could sometimes be seen sitting at the table where he was about to chair the meeting scanning the newspaper's sports section just before the meeting settled into silence.

Steve was invested with a vigorous venturesome spirit. He once returned from climbing the Himalayas looking more gaunt than one could have imagined. This same drive led him to constant probing for ever more innovative ways to work for peace and social justice.

To remember Steve Cary is to be reminded that it is the personal qualities, taken together, of all those associated with the AFSC that give the organization a certain authenticity, integrity, and wholeness.

Steve's death is not only a personal sadness for his friends and colleagues who worked with him. It also brings with it a sadness of a different dimension, a sadness of cosmic scope.

Those of us in Steve's generation were born during World War I. Our lives and work have spanned almost a century of war and preparation for war. Despite all efforts to rid the world of war, we are departing with war continuing as much a destroyer of life and happiness as when we were born. Indeed we are now protesting an ill-advised war in Afghanistan, with the threat of still another one on the horizon.

Have we been misguided in our efforts? Not at all. The heritage of Steve's life and work is a rallying point to carry on with renewed resolve to work against violence and for peace. There is no other way.

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## Peace Pledge *Continued from page one*

Names from the Peace Pledge are entered in a computer database and can be sorted and retrieved by zip codes, so people can use them when talking with their legislators. They will also be used to build a network of opposition when the war begins.

The AFSC is planning to deliver relief supplies to Iraq when war breaks out. The Emergency and Material Assistance Program is currently positioning relief materials inside Jordan's border with Iraq and starting a campaign to collect health kits for Iraqi civilians. And the Campaign of Conscience continues its work in the United States and Iraq. (See "The Campaign of Conscience," this page.)



**Vigils and demonstrations help educate the U.S. public about the situation in Iraq.**

## IRAQ

Peacebuilding Program

The Iraq Peace Pledge is part of the Campaign of Conscience, launched by the AFSC and Fellowship of Reconciliation in 1999 to pressure the U.S. government and the UN Security Council to end economic sanctions against Iraq. More than 150 organizations and faith communities have joined or supported the campaign, including more than 100 Friends meetings and churches. An additional 3,000-plus individuals have joined the campaign, and Pax Christi USA is now the third major partner.

The campaign uses various approaches to build awareness among the U.S. public about the effects of economic sanctions in Iraq. This year, the AFSC sponsored a delegation of Quakers who visited Iraq to witness the situation themselves. Since returning in late June, they have spoken and written extensively in their local communities.

The Campaign of Conscience has a purely practical dimension, as well. Since fall 2000, it has sent water purification equipment to several communities in Iraq in defiance of U.S. law. (Although the AFSC applied for a license to ship the equipment, the U.S. Treasury Department,

a joint initiative of AFSC, FOR, and Pax Christi-USA

## The Campaign of Conscience

which oversees the sanctions, never approved the application nor sent notice of refusal.) This fall, the AFSC, through a partner in Iraq—LIFE for Relief and Development—is rebuilding a water treatment center that will serve a village of 5,000 people northeast of Baghdad.

### Lift your voice in the name of peace

Join the AFSC in its efforts to find alternatives to war with Iraq:

- Sign the Iraq Peace Pledge online at [www.peacepledge.org](http://www.peacepledge.org).
- Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper, organize a prayer vigil in your community, or lead an educational session in your place of worship, community center, etc. For more ideas, go to [www.afsc.org/conscience/activism.shtm](http://www.afsc.org/conscience/activism.shtm).
- Stay informed! Regular updates on the situation and AFSC's work—including the new campaign to collect health kits for Iraqi civilians—are available at [www.afsc.org/iraq](http://www.afsc.org/iraq).

# Gifts with Heart and Hope



For those on your holiday gift list who "have everything," AFSC offers alternative life-affirming presents you can make in honor of your family and friends. In communities around the world we offer tools, training, support—HOPE.

New Employment for Women Plus in Logan, West Virginia, recruits volunteers to repair and rehabilitate homes for low-income residents. **A contribution of \$200 can buy 30 4'x8' wall boards.**

Everyone deserves clean water, including Iraqis who suffer because of economic sanctions and a devastated infrastructure. **A gift of \$100 can provide potable water for 100 people for a year.**

In the remote southwest region of Haiti, animals provide a financial cushion for poor rural families. **A goat costs \$250.**

AFSC's programs around the world carry forward our 85-year-old mission. **A donation of \$35 supports all of our work.**

Vocational training in Afghanistan promises a better life for its citizens. **Just \$125 buys sewing machines for four Afghan women.**

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