

Quakers List Guidelines For Viet Nam War Action

Thousands of American Quakers could suffer persecution and imprisonment reminiscent of their early struggles 300 years ago in England and America if they take to heart the guidelines they drew up at their annual sessions recently at Silver Bay.

In what may well be the strongest message of the 20th century by a major body within the denomination, Quakers were urged "unequivocally and at all costs" to hold to their Peace Testimony first formulated in a "Declaration from the harmless and innocent people of God called Quakers" to King Charles II of England. In quaint language, the 1966 statement proclaimed: "We utterly deny all outward wars and strife, and fightings with outward weapons, for any end, or under any pretense whatever; this is our testimony to the whole world... The Spirit of Christ, which leads us to all truth will never move us to fight and war against any man with any outward weapons, neither for the Kingdom of Christ nor for the Kingdoms of this world... therefore we cannot learn war any more."

The implications of this testimony for members of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), in a country engaged in a war in Southeast Asia in 1966 were not left in doubt by the recent message. Friends were urged to "examine their consciences concerning whether they cannot more fully disassociate themselves from the war machine by tax refusal or by changing occupations," or whether young men "can submit to a military system that commands them to kill and destroy."

Civil Disobedience Advocated
Friends are counseled to "risk whatever penalties might be in-

curred" in obeying the Inner Light (Holy Spirit) "even when this means disobeying man's laws. Material and spiritual help for individuals and their families imprisoned or otherwise afflicted because of "acts of conscience" is to be administered by establishing again the "Committee for Sufferings" which Quakers developed during their early years of persecution.

The religious body proved its intentions to go beyond written words and not to let the risks of conscientious acts challenging government laws fall upon individuals alone. As a corporate body it authorized violation of the Federal Export Control Act under which officers of the Society of Friends could receive five years imprisonment or fines up to \$20,000.

In asking for its "Peace in Viet Nam" Committee to send in the name of the New York Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, parcels of medical supplies to the Red Cross society in South Viet Nam, North Viet Nam and the National Liberation Front, the Quaker organization said that the law it is breaking violates its religious concern to extend humanitarian relief to all who suffer in war, regardless of their geographical or racial identity or their political or national allegiances.

Known for Program
Friends are known throughout the world for the vast feeding and clothing programs they carried out in the wakes of both world wars, and more recently in Algeria. The parcels to Hanoi and Prague will be sent through Canadian members of the Society of Friends.

In another act on the regional body approved the text of a letter to the President calling on him to "bring hope to the world

by breaking the vicious circle (in Viet Nam) using every imaginative and creative method to end immediately the war... We are confident," the message said, "that if you take such positive steps, you will have the overwhelming thanks of mankind."

It was pointed out that the steps taken by the 402 delegates and members in attendance at Silver Bay are all the more remarkable because decisions are based on "consensus" meaning complete or nearly complete unity. Quakers do not favor actions which force a minority to accept the will of a majority, and will postpone action on any matter where a division of opinion is apparent. One Quaker

explained their united action this way.

"The shadow of Viet Nam's tragedy hung like a dark cloud over the week long meetings at Silver Bay. A common sense of divine urgency and of historic moment was felt as the weight of this concern was expressed again and again. We knew that we must speak with our lives."

Three More Area Meetings

The New York Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends includes 6,765 Quakers from 72 local meetings in New York State, Northern New Jersey and Southern Connecticut.

In Ulster County, there are three meetings, in Clintondale, New Paltz and Tillyson.

Rep. Donald G. Milne, accompanied by an Albany lawyer, turned himself into police Monday after an Eastern Seaboard alert had been issued for his arrest.

Milne, 32, a Washington, Vt., Republican, was sentenced June 20 to 4 to 6 years in prison. He was convicted of fraud, embezzlement, and attempted fraud in the use of clients' funds in his private law practice.

Milne, a former president of the Vermont Young Republicans, is a freshman legislator whose first term expires Dec. 31.

He was reported missing Sunday from the Windsor prison after a routine head count.

Milne was arraigned in Albany City Court before Justice Michael V. Tepedino on the fugitive - from-justice charge.

He was ordered held in Albany County Jail, pending a bail hearing today.

Milne's lawyer, Hugh Hanrahan, said Milne would fight extradition.

Win Drum Corps Title

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Hawthorne, N.J., Caballeros have won their sixth American Legion national senior drum and tangle corps championships in seven years. They missed out last year.

Fish: Inflation Wrecks Chance To Be Homeowner

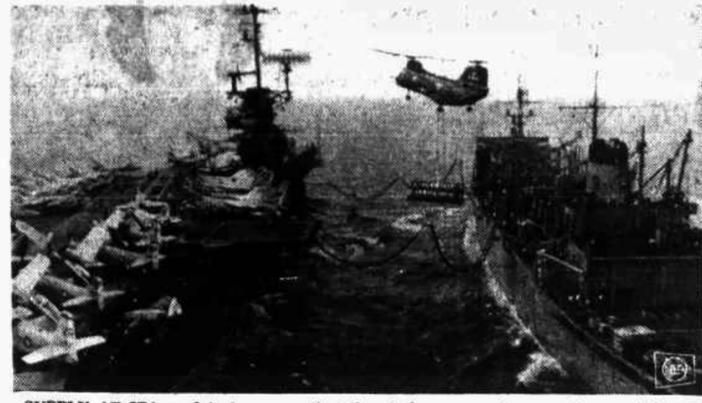
Hamilton Fish Jr., Republican candidate for Congress, today slashed at the Johnson administration and the district's ADA Congressman for "destroying the American dream of home ownership under a flood of Great Society inflationary spending."

Couples who have been saving for years to buy a home are today faced with the dilemma of shrinking dollars and expanding interest rates," the Republican candidate noted.

"Both FHA and private bank interest rates have soared since the Johnson election in 1964. FHA rates are up 3 per cent, and bank rates have increased by an even greater 1 per cent."

"The amount of cash which the prospective home buyer must actually lay out before he can buy a new home," Fish declared, "has also soared in the last two years. Two years ago the home-buyer only had to lay out 5-6 per cent of the total home cost for a down payment. Today inflation has brought this to a record high of 6-8 per cent," Fish continued.

Said Fish, "What all this means is that a lot of people are wishing they hadn't waited until 1966 to buy their new home. Great Society inflation has boosted financing costs as well as actual home costs and builders have run for cover by building 28 per cent fewer houses in July than were built in that month a year ago."



SUPPLY AT SEA used to be a complicated and time-consuming operation requiring a warship and its support vessel to cruise slowly side-by-side for hours as supplies were transferred by lines. Now, the bulk of the heavy work is being taken over by helicopters, which fly material between ships in a fraction of the time while ships maintain regular speed. Above, the carrier Hancock takes on fuel through hoses from the supply ship USS Sacramento while a Ch-60C copter speedily transfers aircraft fuel tanks overhead.

Today's Business Mirror

By SAM DAWSON Ap Business News Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Former President Harry S. Truman has raised a question plaguing both the government monetary authorities and the stock market: Will rising interest rates halt inflation or will they bring on a sharp deflation or even depression?

So far, tight money has provided more questions than answers. The few facts to date are:

Prices Keep Climbing

1. Prices have continued to climb even as interest rates soared to a 40-year high, and the pace of the price increases has increased.

2. Demand for business and consumer loans and plans for business expansion continue high despite the rising cost of borrowing.

3. Credit shortages have sent the home building industry into a tailspin and raised the cost to the consumer of many other purchases.

Bulls Are Hiding

4. The bears have had a field day in the stock market, partly

because of the fear of deflation of the boom, and partly because high interest rates have sent investors looking elsewhere for bigger returns on their money.

To all this the money managers reply that the effects of tighter money will become visible this fall and winter and that only then will the country realize that a runaway speculative boom has been prevented.

As President Truman fought for low interest rates. And now he charges once again that "a drastic rise in interest rates works a hardship on the consuming public. It only benefits the privileged few."

What the business community and members of Congress have been debating, however, is whether the sharp rise in interest rates since last December has accomplished what it was supposed to: halt what appeared to be the start of a speculative boom.

The stock market's big plunge would seem to say that speculation has been nipped. The uneasiness in business circles about the outlook for the economy — and especially for profits — in 1967 might seem to say that tight money was acting as a curb.

But so far there has been only a moderation in the rate of the economy's upswing. The growth still continues with the third quarter of 1966 already considered to have seen a faster growth than the second, although not as big a one as in the first three months of the year.

Bankers say they are still under great pressure for loans to business. And corporations have turned to other ways of raising money than bank loans — such as issuing their own IOUs.

Consumer demand for credit seems unabated, and consumer spending continues high as the total of personal income rises.

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Harlem Marking Progress in '66 Crafts Program

By JEAN HELLER

NEW YORK (AP) — In a damp Harlem basement, four Negro teen-agers chisled and pounded out pieces of sculpture, dreaming, perhaps, of fame someday.

Just feet away, on dingy 133rd Street, two teen-aged boys threw sticks at dented trash cans. Word had not reached them that there was anything in Harlem worth dreaming about.

In the past six weeks, however, several hundred Harlem teen-agers who did get the word have taken their dreams to classes in sculpture, fashion design, painting, commercial art, wood craft, photography and movie making.

The program is sponsored by HARYOU-ACT, Harlem's anti-poverty agency. It is one of several hundred similar anti-poverty summer programs in the country.

Leonard Parker, a former movie actor who is chief of the 30 Harlem arts and craft centers run by HARYOU-ACT, is happy about the progress his students have made. But he wishes the program could do more.

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