

From the EMERGENCY PEACE CAMPAIGN  
20 South Twelfth Street  
Philadelphia, Penna.

-- RELEASE: IMMEDIATELY --

April 15, 1937  
Rebutty

APR 15 1937

PHILADELPHIA, April :- National headquarters of the Emergency Peace Campaign announced today the laying of extensive plans for a sweeping enlistment of student Volunteers to take part in a summer program of peace work throughout the rural areas of the nation this year.

Harold Chance, national director of the Youth Section of the Campaign, said the enlistment, which has already begun, is open to all young men and women of college age and older, without regard to race or creed.

He stated that field secretaries of the Campaign are going from campus to campus recruiting Volunteers for service in the field for a period of about eight weeks during July and August.

Last year, a representative group of 250 students, from more than 100 colleges throughout the United States, worked in the rural areas of the country in 42 Units. Each Unit contained three or four Volunteers and operated in politically strategic centers located in the rural sections.

The work of these peace Units consisted of speaking before clubs, young people's societies, granges, churches, and labor groups, and organizing peace councils in local communities, with the design of "making more articulate and effective the already existing peace sentiment of the people throughout rural America."

Other duties of the Volunteers include staging plays and displays, arranging library and trade exhibits, writing newspaper articles, speaking over the radio and interviewing politicians and persons of all walks of life.

This summer, as was done last year, the Volunteers will be trained at five "Institutes of International Relations," before being sent out into the field for active duty. Instructors have been obtained who are especially fitted for this work. The

Institutes are located at the following places: Duke Institute, Durham, N.C., from June 14 to June 25; Midwest Institute, Naperville, Ill., from June 21 to July 2; Eastern Institute, Cheyney, Pa. from June 19 to July 4; Mills Institute, Oakland, Calif., from June 22 to July 2; and Whittier Institute, Whittier, Calif., from June 29 to July 9.

"To join this army of peace Volunteers, the applicant must fulfill certain requirements," Mr. Chance said. "He must be strong physically and mentally and must have a factual background in the fields of world affairs and social problems, coupled with strong personal leadership."

He said further that the Volunteers must "exemplify the spirit of reconciliation and tolerance which is as necessary to peace as the spirit of intolerance is to war."

Each Volunteer, it was stated, must be responsible for his share of expenses, including transportation, training, maintenance, administration costs, supervision, books, and literature. The cost of each person will be \$150.

Last year, in certain instances where the student could not raise the specified sum, college authorities, community groups, or individuals often contributed for the Volunteers' support.

Ray Newton, executive director of the Emergency Peace Campaign, said of the summer-time enlistment:

"It presents an effective and adventurous program of action in rural America and in college communities. It calls for loyalty, idealism, and courage."

The work of the student Volunteers will consist largely in endeavoring to arouse public determination never to send American men and ships beyond our borders to fight in foreign wars. The encouraging of international co-operation will also be part of their program.

Enlistments, which have already begun in many colleges, will continue until just before the Institutes open in June.