A.J. Muste (continued)

tolerable. It was this "dialectic" which led him into the Marxist-Leninist movement and then back into the religious pacifist movement. Those who worked most closely with him are convinced that he was never fully able to leave behind his Christian mysticism when he was a Marxist-Leninist, and that on his return to the Church he brought with him much of his Marxism.

No authentic honor can be done to the memory of the man and his life if we select one theme and ignore the other. Few men have been so deeply committed at the same time both to peace and to social justice; few men so fully aware of the difficulty of reconciling these two demands; and very few men so intent on making that effort.

One of A.J. Muste's favorite selections from poetry is surely also one which he most fully earned as a final homage.

> I think continually of those who were truly great –
> The names of those who in their lives fought for life,
> Who wore at their hearts the fire's centre.
> Born of the sun they traveled a short while towards
> the sun.
> And left the vivid air signed with their honour.
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> – from a poem by Stephen Spender

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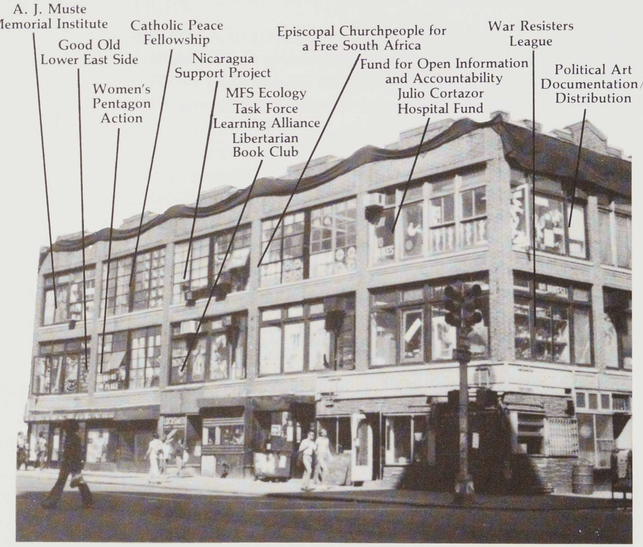
A.J. with Barbara Demming after their ouster from Saigon, April 1966.

The Peace Pentagon

The Institute continues to operate its building in the NoHo section of Manhattan for the benefit of non-profit social change groups. This year saw the final payments of our mortgage, leaving the Institute as free-and-clear owner and guaranteeing the maintenance of affordable rental space for people working for a peaceful world in at least one place in the city. While we, unfortunately, cannot accommodate all those seeking a place to work, the Peace Pentagon at 339 Lafayette Street serves as home for over ten groups.

Our new oil burner and additional conservation measures enabled us to start the winter of 1984 with a warmer building, but lower fuel consumption, continuing the steady improvements effected in the building over the years.

Alive with the noises of people working for peace and social justice, the Peace Pentagon's place as a nourishing atmosphere for "the Movement" seems assured in the foreseeable future.