CONSENSUS BUILDING WITHIN

In 1988 the Executive Board was expanded to twelve people, each offering a unique perspective on what ought to be the work of FNVW. Through a series of retreats, board meetings and discussions, a fresh and varied consensus is emerging as to the mission and purpose of FNVW. Also, there is a renewed dedication to a diverse fundraising program and strategic long- and short-range program planning. The next year's program plans bring new excitement about the anticipated evolution of FNVW.

COOPERATING WITH OTHERS

FNVW staff and volunteers, working with individuals and peace and justice groups, have played a part in bringing together many people for event planning, committees and projects.

MATERIAL AID FOR NICARAGUA

National Quest for Peace and FNVW recruited and filled a cargo container the size of a semi-trailer with clothing, food, medical equipment and supplies, educational materials (including 70 student desks) and food for the people of Nicaragua.

WEB OF MILITARISM CONFERENCE

A successful conference in early fall provided over 150 persons with new and extended insight into the pervasive nature of the influence of the military on our society. FNVW worked with many others on planning and presenting a day-long conference offering speakers, panels, workshops and literature.

SOUTHERN AFRICA RESOURCE CENTER

By providing space at the Peace Center, FNVW is helping a newly formed Southern Africa Network to organize a resource center. The Resource Center is now supplying printed material, videos, speakers and other resources to schools, churches and civic groups.

SISTER COMMUNITY PROJECT

In February, 1988, the city of St. Paul joined hands with Lawaaikamp, South Africa, its sister community of over 2000 people who were subject to forced removal from their homes by the South African policy of apartheid. Through a campaign of letter writing, petitions, rallies, embassy visitation, etc., this group has been able to postpone this removal.

UNITY FORUMS

In response to the March, 1988 street demonstrations, FNVW and other peace and justice groups planned and conducted forums to enable understanding of the variety of strategies and tactics people believe will be effective in demonstrations. Over a hundred people attended.

CONTINUING PROGRAMS

PEOPLE CAMP

People Camp's 17th year saw 140 people of all ages enjoying Camp Mishawaka near Grand Rapids, MN. The theme, "Finding Our Stories-Creating Our Peace", was a time of creative sharing of stories from many cultures.

YOUTH AGAINST MILITARISM PROJECT

Youth against Militarism has increased activities this past year to diminish the influence of military recruiters in the high schools in our area. Empowered by the project, students are distributing literature, speaking to classmates and publishing their own newspaper.