Foundation, the Council works with leaders in Congress, the Administration, and in research institutes to promote action on issues central to our perspective.

The Seattle office has been a model for community-based citizen education on the subject of alternative paths to peace with freedom and security. Its programs include:

* **The Annual Conference.** A major event bringing together national experts, community leaders, and concerned citizens for a full day discussion of a major topic of international importance. In 1985 the topic was Central America. In 1986 it was US-Soviet Citizen Exchanges.

* **Steady Work.** Publication of a quarterly newsletter for the 750 supporters of the **World Without War Council** in the greater Seattle area. The newsletter announces upcoming events, new and useful resources for those interested in specific issues, and presents our distinctive perspective on current topics in the national war/peace debate.

* **Council Conversations.** About once a month, the **WWWC** organizes an informal opportunity for all **WWWC** supporters to meet a person with special experience or knowledge in an area related to issues of war and peace. Council Conversations have featured, for example, Stanislaw Jalowiecki, a former figure in Poland's Solidarity movement, or Alvin Guthrie, Secretary General of the Confederation of Labor Unity (CUS), one of the few remaining independent trade unions in Nicaragua.

* **Publications.** Staff of the various **WWWC** offices frequently publish articles in newspapers and national periodicals on topics as diverse as Nicaragua, Reinhold Niebuhr, the "sanctuary" movement, or promoting the free flow of ideas and information between the West and the Soviet Union. The Council also publishes and promotes its own line of books and pamphlets. Two recent publications include PEACE ARCHIVES: A Guide to Library Collections, by Marguerite Green, and A Directory of National Organizations Active on Central America, by Richard Tada. For a list of our full range of publications, write or call any regional office.

* **Improving the Media's Treatment of War/Peace Issues.** Error and bias are too often characteristic of the way the American print and electronic media treat complex and controversial issues of war and peace. The Seattle office has organized community events whose purpose was to generate public comment on and to improve television's treatment of U.S./Soviet issues. It also prepared a study that compared treatment of Central American stories by a local newspaper with a major national newspaper during an important

two-month period in 1986, finding evidence of bias in the local newspaper compared to the national one. For reports on either of these items, write or call the Seattle office.

* **Leadership Training.** A major element of **WWWC** strategy involves developing in the major communities and associations of this country leadership that understands the conditions necessary to strengthen peace and security in the world, and the role that both American government and non-governmental groups can play in this effort. To this end, the Council conducts a series of seminars annually for a targeted group of leaders in the Pacific Northwest. Graduates of these seminars include publishers, members of the Washington State Congressional delegation, senior corporate officers, and executives of private foundations.

* **Crisis Issues.** Foreign policy debates over crisis issues often divide Americans, sow confusion instead of knowledge, and ultimately discourage citizens from taking an interest in issues of war, peace, and the international defense of human rights. The Council avoids repeating usual patterns of polarization. On controversial topics such as Central America, SDI, or South Africa, it has conducted educational programs to inform citizens about the facts of an issue as seen by different parties with different perspectives. The Council also seeks to identify and promote approaches to regional conflicts that are based on nonviolent forms of struggle and respect for individual freedom. In this context, the **WWWC** sponsored, for example, the visit to Seattle in 1986 of Nicaraguan Humberto Belli, author of Breaking Faith, who advocates dialogue and negotiations between the government of Nicaragua and its armed opposition.

* **Intern Program.** Council offices hire and train interns, young people who learn through work, periodic seminars, and tutorials with senior staff what the elements of responsible community-based peace education and activity are. Many ex-interns have gone into important careers in American public life, carrying with them the unique perspective and values orientation of the **World Without War Council.**

* **Consultation.** The Council is consulted by professional groups, universities, religious bodies, voluntary organizations, and individuals for help in a wide variety of problems: developing educational programs; pointing out resources in a particular field; finding speakers for programs and events. A major program carried out over the past two years with the National Association of Evangelicals has involved the development of Guidelines for N.A.E. work on war/peace issues.