November 10, 1995

Dear Friends,

One aspect of A.J. Muste's life which is rarely mentioned was his role as a fundraiser. A.J. spent a large part of his time ceaselessly searching and pleading for funds to sustain nonviolent projects. "This is his greatest burden—the strain of trying to meet one financial crisis after another," noted his secretary, Beverly Sterner (as quoted in Abraham Went Out, A Biography of A.J. Muste *by Jo Ann Robinson). But this fact is central to our existence and mission.*

The A.J. Muste Memorial Institute was founded not to perpetuate A.J.'s memory, but to carry on his work—promoting nonviolent action for social change and human justice. This includes helping organizers find the funds for their work. We do this much the same way as A.J. himself: asking you who participate in these efforts to support them financially.

Enclosed with this issue of Muste Notes *is a letter with more details about the Institute's work and how you can contribute. We continue to depend on your support to carry out our grantmaking and educational programs.*

Special thanks to those of you who sent in contributions to help with the unexpected expenses caused by the fire in the basement of the "Peace Pentagon" at 339 Lafayette Street. Your generosity has helped us get all cleaned up and make significant improvements in the building's safety systems.

In peace,

Murray Rosenblith

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Executive Director

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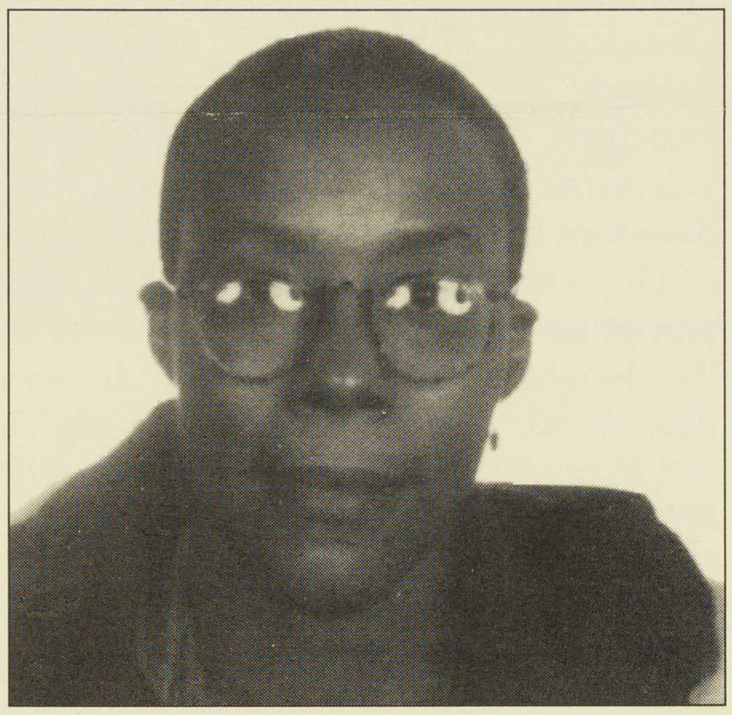
New Board Members

As reported in the last issue of *Muste Notes*, the A.J. Muste Memorial Institute has three new members on its Board of Directors. With great pleasure, we present you with these brief introductions:

Denise A. Rollé is a writer of poetry, essays and children's fiction. She currently also works as a consultant providing clinical and programmatic assessments for residential substance abuse treatment facilities that serve women and children. She speaks and writes Spanish, French and Italian. Denise has joined the Board's literature committee—where her skills and perspective will be greatly appreciated—and will also serve on the building committee.



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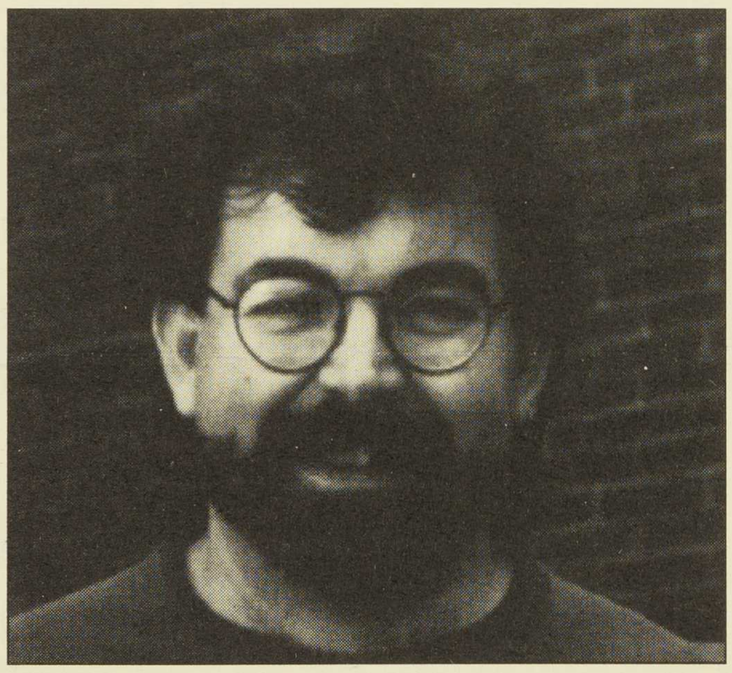

Kenneth Sutton

Kenneth Sutton is the associate editor for *Friends Journal*, a monthly Quaker magazine. He also serves as a volunteer support group co-leader for the Quaker AIDS Ministry in Philadelphia, and is on the publications committee for the Pendle Hill pamphlet series. Kenneth has chosen to join the finance committee of the Board, and looks forward to helping out with fundraising and outreach once he gets settled into the Board.

Lisa Vives is the executive director of the Global Information Network, where she handles the US distribution for Inter Press Service Third World news service. She formerly worked as an editor for several labor union newspapers and as a reporter for the *Jersey Journal*. From 1979 to 1983, Lisa started up and produced *Update on Guatemala*, a weekly newsletter on economic, political and human rights issues in Guatemala. Lisa is a member of the National Writers Union and serves on the publications committee of the War Resisters League. She is fluent in Spanish.

Lisa Vives