

# A. J. Muste Memorial Institute

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Dear Friend of the Muste Institute,

It has been a long time--too long--since I have been in touch with you, the generous contributors to the A.J. Muste Memorial Institute. So, as autumn approaches, I want to take this opportunity to bring you up-to-date on our peace and freedom efforts.

The past several years have been the most hectic of our existence. As progressive groups responded to Reagan (and now, Bush) Administration threats to international peace, and civil rights and economic justice in this country, they drew on the Institute resources in record amounts. The enclosed 1987 annual report and the 1988 roster of grants and sponsorships present a full picture of recent Institute activities, but here are a few highlights:

\* Grants and Sponsorships: In 1987 and 1988 the Institute provided \$320,000 to international, national, and local organizations working for social change. Support reached groups as far away as Greenham Common (Greenham Women Against Cruise Missiles) and Tel Aviv (Mapat Hashalom), and as near as Philadelphia (Prisoner Visitation and Support) and Cambridge (Central America Education Fund).

\* The Peace Literature Series: Four new pamphlets, featuring writings of Aldous Huxley, Paul Goodman, Sidney Lens, and a group of war tax resisters, were added to the eight already in print. Schools all over the country have ordered pamphlets, and the Martin Luther King, Jr., pamphlet is depleted almost as soon as a shipment arrives from the printer.

\* The Peace Pentagon: The Institute continues to provide safe and economical office space at 339 Lafayette Street to fourteen social change organizations in a city where rents are usually as high as the price of a piece of military equipment.

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