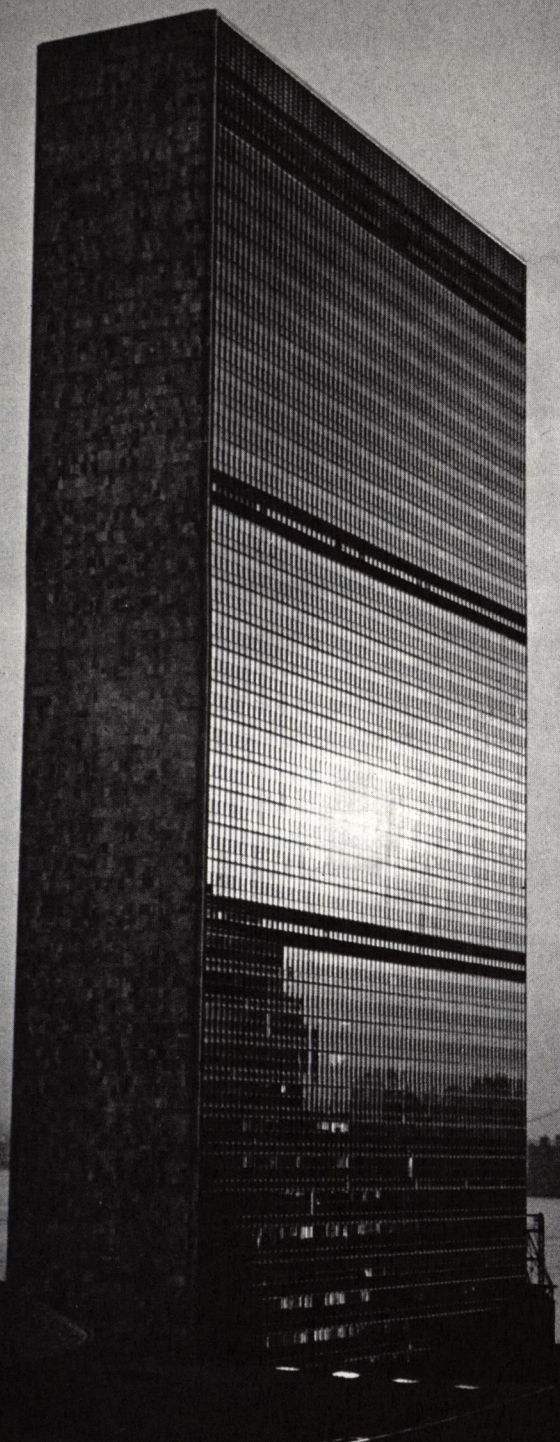


QUAKER UNITED NATIONS PROGRAM



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THE QUAKER PROGRAM at the United Nations seeks to share, within the complex workings of the UN, the experience and testimonies of the Religious Society of Friends in the field of international affairs, peace, justice, and human welfare.

A small international staff, supplemented during the General Assembly and at other times by Friends from abroad, has offices across the plaza from UN headquarters in New York. The staff keeps in constant touch with the work of the organization by attending UN committee meetings, and by conferring with delegates and with members of the Secretariat about issues in which the Quaker Program has particular interest and competence. The staff also conducts a limited number of seminars as part of its effort to stimulate thinking on international questions, and to interpret United Nations activity both in the United States and abroad.

Quaker House, the home near the UN where the Quaker Program director and his family live, plays a unique role in this work. As a quiet meeting place for informal and friendly discussion with people who are at the UN or who have close connections with it, Quaker House is much appreciated by those who come there.

In bringing Quaker insights and experience to bear on political, economic, and social problems, the staff does not adopt rigid positions. A primary aim is to encourage mutual understanding on issues where there is a high degree of tension. Underlying the work is the conviction that a religiously based, informed approach by such a non-governmental organization can be of value in the process of international decision-making.

This activity at the UN is part of a wider Quaker program in many parts of the world which seeks to achieve better understanding among nations. Aspects of the wider program include conferences for diplomats and parliamentarians, international seminars for young adults, relief work, and community development projects.

Since much of the work at the UN is intangible, results cannot always be measured easily. But Friends, by tradition, have sought ways to express their concerns and share their ideas with "the rulers of men."

The American Friends Service Committee carries primary responsibility for administering and financing the Quaker UN Program, with the sponsorship of the Friends World Committee for Consultation. A range of Quaker bodies, particularly the UN Consultative Committee in London, give advisory and financial help.

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