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Pacem in Terris, in cooperation with Wilmington Friends School, presents "**Learning Violence, Learning Peace**," a series of four free programs in April and May, 1996 that deal with the subjects of peacemaking and violence. Each program will take place at **Wilmington Friends School**, 101 School Road, Alapocas, Wilmington. The times and room locations are given below after each set of program notes.

**April 19:** "Peace Education: Does It Work?" a lecture given by Colman McCarthy, syndicated columnist for the **Washington Post**, pacifist, educator, and founder of the Center for Teaching Peace in Washington, DC. Since 1983, he has taught courses on nonviolence to over 5,000 students at high schools, Georgetown University, and the University of Maryland. He continues to teach a first period class daily at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, and he will share insights he has gained over the years as a peace educator. (5:30 PM in the Auditorium, at the rear of the school off the parking lot.)

**April 25:** "Veterans Working for Peace." Four American veterans who are now working for peace will each give a short presentation about their personal experiences and then entertain questions from the audience. From Philadelphia, Dave Neifeld and W.D. Ehrhart, and from Delaware, John Carmody and Tim Bayard, veterans from World War Two service to Vietnam, will discuss why they work for peace, how they feel about their service, and how they have changed. This will be a rare opportunity to speak to veterans who are coming to terms with their military service and choosing to use their experience to help bring about peace with justice. (7:00 PM in the Meeting Room, at the front right of the school building.)

**May 16:** "Who is Telling All the Stories? Television and the Cult of Violence" a lecture by Dr. George Gerbner, Dean Emeritus of The Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania, the Director of the Cultural Indicators Research Project, and the Founder and Chair of the Cultural Environment Movement. He is deeply concerned about the impact of media violence on children and the ways in which it desensitizes them, creating an acceptance of force as a legitimate way to deal with conflict, one that atrophies the capacity for empathy. (7:00 PM in the Auditorium)

**May 29:** "The Balkan Situation and How It Has Come Home Here," a panel discussion with Lisa and Bill Darling, who are hosting a Bosnian student, Deborah Cooper, who is facilitating the placement of students from the Balkans in area Quaker schools, and Dijana Čehić, a young Bosnian woman from Bihać who is attending college in the Delaware Valley. The panelists will help us explore what it means to reach out to victims of a far-away war in a personal way, and the transformation that it brings to both guest and host. At the conclusion of the program, there will be a free will offering to help bring more students over from the Balkans. (7:00 PM in the Auditorium)

**For more information, call the Pacem in Terris office at 302-656-2721**