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## THE PEACE MOVEMENT IN BRITAIN: 1967

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## I

### INTRODUCTION

### BRITAIN

The peace movement in ~~England~~ is amazingly complex.  
~~To one whose~~ To one whose only experience has been with the large,  
recently established, single purpose, American peace groups  
it is especially difficult to untangle and understand.

The British <sup>movement</sup> has a ~~shortly~~ relatively long history.  
~~There were many en~~ There were many enthusiastic peace societies in the early  
thirties. The Peace Pledge Union was founded in 1934 and  
is functioning today. The Committee of 100 and Peace  
News have existed for many years. The Vietnam war is  
currently their most important concern but they are  
continuing, multipurpose organizations.

In America I know of no significant peace  
organization, with the exception of the Quakers, which has not  
been formed in response to the war in Vietnam. If the Vietnam  
war ends they will dissolve. The war has also fostered many  
strong single interest groups in England. In 1967 these are,  
of course, the most important but it would be a mistake to  
focus entirely on them.

Great diversity of political outlook also adds to the