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on
THE WELFARE-WARFARE STATE—
TEN YEARS LATER
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In 1977 the Journal of Sociology & Social Welfare published a Special Issue edited by the late Larry Northwood on The Welfare-Warfare State. This was one of the first journal publications by social workers and sociologists on this vital issue. Larry was one of the original members of the National Association of Social Workers’ Peace Committee and did much to stimulate the analysis of the relationship between a warfare and a welfare state.

Discussions were underway with Larry regarding the publication of a tenth anniversary issue when his untimely death intervened. We want to acknowledge Larry’s contribution to keeping the issue of peace in the forefront of professional concern. In addition to the Special Issue of the JSSW, Larry was instrumental in organizing sessions on the topic at the National Association of Social Workers Bi-Annual Symposiums in San Diego, California and in San Antonio, Texas.

We dedicate this symposium to his memory with our everlasting thanks for his leadership in the quest for peace. The most fundamental issue facing the human species is that of the survival of life on this planet. Larry Northwood dedicated his life to trying to assure the survival of life on this planet, as well as providing a quality of life that re-affirms the dignity of human beings. We want this symposium to be a part of his continuing legacy.

NORMAN GOROFF