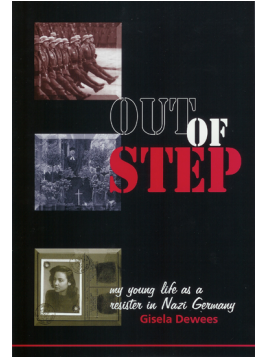


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Gisela Dewees has kept in touch with those who have no voice since coming to the United States after WWII. Among her many positions, she was appointed by the governor as a member of the New York State Commission for Human Rights and served as a board member of the World Affairs Council, a group that worked with world hunger and the United Nations. She also cofounded the Committee of Concern, Broome County, to educate and promote concern in areas of peace, civil liberties, and the cessation of the nuclear arms race. She was cofounder and publicity chairman of the William C. Moore Chapter of CORE (Congress of Racial Equality). Bill Moore, her friend, was murdered in Gadsen, Alabama, the first white victim of the Civil Rights Movement. Ms. Dewees currently resides in New Jersey.

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