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www.militaryfreeschools.org/
Project YANO
www.projectyano.org/
Youth and Counter Militarism Program
www.warresisters.org/youth/
Center on Conscience & War
www.nisbco.org/
Committee Opposed to Militarism & The Draft
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