

Volunteers Here For Ten Weeks—

Corpsmen Train At Nebraska

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What makes the average Peace Corps volunteer tick? An answer to that question is as close as the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education.

Last spring the University of Nebraska contracted with the Peace Corps to train volunteers for developmental work in Colombia, and the training program got under way on August 31, and will continue until November 16.

D. D. Axthelm, Director of the training project at the Center, said 50 young men and women are undergoing training presently. Fifteen of the volunteers will serve as Agricultural Extension specialists, seven will be working as Home extension and nutrition specialists, eight will be working to develop farm cooperatives and expand credit sources for Colombian farmers, and 20 will be doing land surveys to determine boundaries and allow new land areas to be cultivated.

The life of a Peace Corps trainee at the Center is filled with one form of training or another for most of the time he is awake. The typical day of the trainee may run something like this: 6:00 a.m.—30 minutes of physical training and exercise. 7 a.m.—breakfast. 8 a.m. to noon, classes in Spanish, world affairs, American history, and Colombian studies.

The afternoon is devoted to studies and refresher courses in the trainee's area of specialization, according to Mr. Axthelm. From 4:5 p.m. another physical training period is held.

After dinner at 5:15 p.m. Spanish classes and labs are convened at 6:30 p.m. followed by guest speakers and authorities from the area the trainees are destined for. At 9 p.m. the trainees are finished with formal training for the day and may study or go to bed.

Regular academic Saturday morning classes are also held, and Saturday afternoons are reserved for technical projects in each of the four areas of specialization. For instance, the girls in the home extension section spent one Saturday afternoon in the Ag engineering wood-working lab, building towel racks and learning to use wood-working tools.

"Field trips are also planned for Saturday afternoon to broaden the trainees in their technical skills," Mr. Axthelm said, mentioning that the volunteers will be strictly on their own when they reach Colombia, and all training is intended to encourage individual initiative.

Sunday mornings are free,

and the afternoons are devoted to learning supplemental skills which will be necessary in Colombia. Examples of this type of training include the three Sunday afternoons the 20-man surveying class spent practicing boating, required because some areas of Colombia are most easily accessible by water. Others have been riding and caring for horses, another main means of transportation. Campouts have also been held to acquaint trainees with more primitive living conditions and to allow them to adapt to the same types of conditions they will find in Colombia.

Trainees represent at least 25 different states, according to Axthelm, including a Nebraska girl.

A necessary part of the program is the complete medical and physical checkup given during the training period at the center. All inoculations are given during this time, and any corrective medical work is completed because after a short home leave upon completion of training, the volunteers will be flown directly to Colombia.

Since the Peace Corps has contracted with the University, the project leaders are members of the University staff, and so are the majority of the course instructors.

Volunteers presently in Colombia, numbering around 260, are presently paid from \$105 to \$110 per month, which would handle all living expenses except medical treat-

ment, which is free. Over the two year period which volunteers serve, they accrue 45 days leave, with pay of \$7.50 each day during the leave period.

Axthelm said this is the first time a team approach has been used in Colombia. The Colombian government requested team training for the volunteers to be part of the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization's (FAO) and Colombian government's Project of Integrated and Applied Nutrition.

Technical specialists from FAO will supervise the volunteers carrying out the project, which is designed to improve the general nutritional level of the area's inhabitants.

The volunteers will be sent to a coffee growing area in Colombia. Coffee is a cash crop, and although it is a surplus commodity, the farmers still devote most of their land to production of coffee, with the result that the average diet of the people is composed mainly of a few starchy foods, with no variation, causing deficiency diseases and malnutrition to develop.

The soil in the area is fertile and could be used to grow

a wide variety of nutritious vegetables and tropical fruits, which would greatly affect the deficiency disease rate. The goal of the volunteers is to get the farmers to plant, and the people to eat, a wider range of foods.

Before the volunteers can hope to persuade the people to change their eating habits, they must be accepted as members of the local community by the people they will be working and living with. To gain this confidence from the people, trainees are taught local customs and sports, the national songs and dances, and children's games.

One training method utilized by the Project staff is to deliberately not plan a specific method to accomplish a certain goal, thus placing the trainee in a situation whereby he has to depend upon himself to solve the problem. Mr. Axthelm said after one recent hike the trainees returned to the camping area expecting to find dinner waiting, but to their surprise the food they found had to be prepared and cooked by them before they could eat.

The educational level of the people in the area they will be working in may range from semi-literate to 7th or 8th grade. Therefore the volunteers will have to use train-

ing and instruction methods which doesn't depend upon the printed word to communicate meaning. Demonstrations will be used, as well as other aids in symbolic instruction which the people can grasp.

Mr. Axthelm, who has traveled in the area the project will work in, said the high birth rate would be no problem in the underdeveloped areas of Colombia if the land would be used for useful and varied food production. The birth rate is a problem for individual families who find it difficult to support ten children on five to 20 acres of land, most of which is devoted to growing coffee.

A land reform movement is underway in Colombia, and

the movement into the eastern plains and the river valleys will be most beneficial for the country's future, Mr. Axthelm said.

Colombian organizations also exist which are working with the problems the Peace Corps volunteers will be grappling with. The volunteers will be working with these local organizations as much as possible.

NSA Seeks Demonstrations For Birmingham Incident

Philadelphia (CPS) — The United States National Student Association (USNSA) called for a national vigil to occur on all college and university campuses.

The vigil, originated by a group of students at the University of Illinois, is currently being conducted at more than fifty schools across the country and is designed to "demonstrate the profound feelings of compassion felt by the American student community for the oppressive conditions that exist within the Negro community in Birmingham as demonstrated by the recent killing of four innocent children attending Sunday School on September 15."

At most campuses, the vigil is taking the form of five minutes of silence at noon,

followed by ten minutes of speeches by the leaders of various religious and civil rights groups as well as campus officials.

The USNSA also requested that all student governments "make their feelings on the Birmingham crisis known to the President, their Senators, and their local Congressmen."

The students at Illinois have also called for a boycott of the ten national corporations which employ over 35% of the Birmingham labor force. These ten include: United States Steel, Republic Steel, Union Carbide and the Martin-Marietta Corporation.

At Illinois, the vigil has turned out the most support in recent years according to The Daily Illini, the campus newspaper.

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WHY DOES GOD CARE?

We are so tiny in the vastness of space, so drab in the grandeur of nature. Why does God care about each one of us?

This question has always plagued the mind of man. It will probably never be completely answered to his satisfaction until he sees and believes the evidence of man's importance to God: *Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels.*

It remained for Jesus Christ to reveal the love of God. Sunday — World Communion Day — Christians will unite in the sacrament which is their richest experience of the glory and honor God has given.

The world over, men will rejoice in the Divine Love, so far-reaching, that God gave His Son for humanity.

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Sunday Psalms 8:1-9	Monday John 3:16-21	Tuesday John 14:15-24	Wednesday Romans 5:1-8	Thursday I Corinthians 11:17-26	Friday Hebrews 2:1-7	Saturday I John 3:16-21
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Campus Calendar

TODAY
UNION FILM COMMITTEE will present "American in Paris" at 7 and 9 p.m. in the Nebraska Union auditorium at 25 cents per ticket.

SATURDAY
DELIAN-UNION LITERARY SOCIETY will hold first party program in 332 Nebraska Union at 8 p.m.
UNICORNS will hold a bowling party at Plaza Bowl at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY
PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE will hold a coffee hour for all foreign students in 332 Nebraska Union at 4:30 p.m. American students are invited.
UNION FILM COMMITTEE will present "American in Paris" at 7:30 p.m. in the Nebraska Union auditorium.

Social Calendar

After two weeks of initially hitting the books campus organizations turn their attention to social life this week-end. Fourteen activities are planned for today and Saturday.

Today
Alpha Gamma Sigma, Hayrack Ride, 8-11 p.m.
Benton House, Hayrack Ride, 7:30-10:30 p.m.
Sigma Alpha Mu, Hayrack Ride 9-12 p.m.

Saturday
Acacia, Hay Ride 7-12 p.m.
Alpha Gamma Rho, House Party 8-12 p.m.
Alpha Omicron Pi, House Party 9-12 p.m.
Alpha Tau Omega, House Party 9-12 p.m.
Beta Theta Pi, House Party 9-12 p.m.
Delta Sigma Pi, House Party 9-12 p.m.
Delta Tau Delta, House Party 9-12 p.m.
Delta Upsilon, Stable Storm 9-12 p.m.
Kappa Sigma, House Party 9-12 p.m.
Pi Kappa Phi, House Party 9-12 p.m.
RAM, Record Hop 8-12 p.m.