

Brain-cracking Training Prepares Peace Corps

"One of the most difficult things for an American to understand is that people of other countries often have a different sense of values than ours, and that therefore words or expressions sometimes convey an entirely different meaning."

This, according to Dr. Charles J. Meder, head of the education department at St. John Fisher College, could be one of the foremost barriers to the effectiveness of Peace Corps efforts throughout the world.

A RECENT EXAMPLE was the case of Margery Michelson, the 23-year-old American who set off international shock waves with her graphic description of living conditions in Nigeria. A key word in her post-card report was "squalid," not a pleasant word in any language, but particularly offensive to the Nigerians since it connotes animal living and behavior.

"There is a story," says Dr. Meder, "undoubtedly apocryphal, about the American who embarked on a transatlantic cruise in England. There was a sign marked 'British subjects' pointing to the left, another 'Aliens' pointing toward the right. Our man, of course, took neither, but asked the customs official instead for directions to the 'American' section!"

"Many of us tend to think of ourselves as world citizens, accepted everywhere. We are not. We must learn, too, that an Arab has little understanding of a deep freeze; that when we talk to a North Korean about three square meals a day he cannot accept it, for he is still striving for one square meal daily."

THIS POSSIBLE roadblock to effective communications, of course, is well-known to officials of the Peace Corps, and to Peace Corps members who are thoroughly briefed on the standards of the country they will work in as well as its history, government, religious beliefs, social structure, language and politics in brain-cracking, 60-hour-a-week orientation programs in some of the nation's leading universities.

At Rutgers University, for example, 78 Columbia-bound volunteers (all men) spent three months studying Spanish, U.S. and Latin American culture, how to play soccer and how to ride a horse — the preliminary to two years of digging wells, building roads and schools in remote mountain villages.

At the University of California's Berkeley campus, 58 men and women spent eight weeks preparing to teach English, French, math, chemistry, physics and biology in secondary schools. To prepare they delved into such matters as leprosy, midwifery and bush nutrition and spent a required nine hours each in the night emergency ward in Berkeley's Herrick Hospital.

At Texas Western college, 43 surveyors, civil engineers and geologists tackled Swahili, East African culture, U.S. history and world politics. Thoreau, Marx and Lenin, laid out imaginary roads and scrambled up the sides of mountains — to toughen their minds and bodies during a day which began at 5:45 a.m. and ended with classes after dinner all in preparation for a road building project in Tanganyika.

"These training programs,"

says Sister Magdalen, faculty at Nazareth College, "are truly outstanding. The faculties include internationally-known experts on each Peace Corps area; the student corps is studied with Phi Beta Kappas and Magna Cum Laudes."

Sister Magdalen studied last summer at Notre Dame University where she observed at first hand the fifty students then undergoing training there for the Chilean Rural Development Project.

"Father Hesburgh (president of Notre Dame) told us that he was deeply impressed with the group. Their seriousness of purpose, determination and dedication was apparent. You could always pick out the Peace Corps group from other students on the campus. They just seemed to have something special that set them apart."

The "something special" will undoubtedly come in handy during the two years the Peace Corps member is detached from American luxuries. He will live like his counterparts in the project country. An allowance to cover food, shelter, clothing and medical needs is provided by the host government. A separation allotment of \$75 a month is paid upon completion of the assignment.

At the end of two years he can ask for another assignment. Or he can present his credentials to the hirers and firers of American enterprise. What chance has he got? Will he have fallen behind in the fiercely

Retreat, Prayer Days Offered At Cenacle

A General Advent Retreat and three Days of Recollection for women are scheduled at the Cenacle Retreat House, 693 East Ave.

The Rev. Raymond J. Balduf, S.J. will conduct the retreat, scheduled for the weekend of Dec. 1-3; General Advent Day of Recollection, Dec. 9; and St. Raphael's Guild Day of Recollection, Dec. 10.

RECOLLECTION DAY for St. Monica's Sodality on Dec. 11 will be conducted by the Rev. Benedict Ehmann. The General Retreat is open to women of all walks of life, and will be the last of its kind for the year.

The program begins with dinner on Friday at 6 p.m. It includes eight conferences by the retreat master, and closes Sunday afternoon with Benediction. Leisure time for prayer and reading may be spent outdoors if desired on the grounds surrounding the Retreat House.

Reservations may be made by telephoning the Cenacle at BR

Peace Corps Tests Set

Rochester Postmaster L. B. Cartwright announced this week that the entrance test for the Peace Corps will be given on Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 28 and 29, 1961.

Within a few days information showing the place and time for the examination in your area will be posted on the bulletin board of the local post office, including stations and branches.

Monroe County DCCW Lists Foreign Speakers

Monroe County Council Rochester Diocesan Council Catholic Women on Tuesday, Nov. 21, will offer a meeting "with an international flavor." Recitation of the rosary will begin at 8 p.m. in parlor A at Columbus Civic Center.

MRS. THOMAS McWHINNEY, International Relations committee chairman will present a new and informative program of wide interest.

As guest speakers the committee will present Dr. George Villegas, Venezuela, who will discuss Catholic Family Movement. Dr. Misbah Diab, Syria, discussing the culture of that country and his reception in the United States, and Miss Palmira Tsing, a student from Hong Kong, who will share with the guests her observations and impressions of our own country.

This unique meeting will allow guests to greet the foreign students in their homes, and at that time, anyone interested in entertaining International Students in their homes may talk with Mrs. McWhinney.

This experience will allow foreign guests the opportunity of observing American family life and give them a share of value that makes our way of living. In return, such a visit permits us a broader vision of the world and the Church.

EFFORT TO extend hospitality to foreign students is growing rapidly and is realized a meaningful and happy experience for visitor and host, a spokesman said.

Guest of the Rev. Leo McManus will be the Rev. James Courneen, Maryknoll missionary, who will talk to the group.

Forty Hours

Devotions of the Forty Hours will be conducted in the following churches of the Diocese of Rochester:

Sunday, Nov. 19 — Our Lady of Lourdes, Elmira; St. Jerome, East Rochester.

Mrs. Ross Marinaro, Ways and Means chairman, will have on display a collection of appropriate gifts and ideas for Christmas and the Advent Season. Place mats, religious napkins, kitchen Madonnas and a selection of books will be offered. Members and friends are invited.

Moderator for Monroe County Council is the Rev. Robert Kanka.

Nick Urzetta Named Head Of CYA Drive

Nick Urzetta, a prominent figure in youth activities, will head this year's membership campaign for the C.Y.A. of East Rochester. Beginning Monday, Nov. 20, volunteers will begin calling on business concerns and individuals in an attempt to raise funds through membership solicitation.

THIS YEAR the Community Chest of Rochester and Monroe County approved an operating budget for \$20,274. Of this amount, \$14,774 will be donated by the Community Chest itself. The remaining \$5,500 must be raised through memberships.

Since 1948, when the C.Y.A. Building was constructed, its program has been designed to serve youth through constructive and wholesome recreational activities as boxing, roller skating, wood working, gymnastics, arts and crafts, ping pong and pool, and others are available to all young people of East Rochester.

Individuals desiring to purchase memberships for themselves or who would like to sponsor a needy individual may call the C.Y.A. at LU 6-1492 for all information.



Convent Cornerstone Blessed

REV. BASIL SEREDOVICH, right, pastor of St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church, Syracuse, and dean of the Syracuse Deanery officiated at the blessing of the cornerstone of the new convent of SS. Peter and Paul Church, Auburn, on Sunday. He was assisted by Rev. Basil Ostas, left, pastor, and Rev. Peter Ohirko, assistant pastor. The new convent will be completed in December. It will house Sisters of St. Basil the Great, teachers at the parish school.

DCCW Executive Meet Scheduled

Geneva—First executive committee meeting of the Rochester Diocesan Council, NCCW, will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, in the home of Mrs. Julian G. Hum-

After the business meeting, there will be a buffet supper. Miss Frances Merriman, director-at-large of the OSY Deanery, will assist. Mrs. Humiston as co-hostess.

Mrs. Everett Murphy, auditor; Mrs. Richard Weider, immediate past president; Mrs. Theodore Strohmer, Miss Stella Zawadzki, and Miss Sophie Gudzio, past presidents.

Mrs. Joseph D. Schnorr, former national director; Mrs. Ralph Howard, editor of The Councilor, Diocesan monthly magazine for NCCW; Mrs. James Krickmire, recording secretary; Miss Virginia Cronin, treasurer; Miss Josephine Zawadzki, assistant treasurer;

man. Boston, newly-elected president, at Fatima Farm, Town Line Rd., Stanley Rd.

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Deadline Advanced
Thanksgiving Day coming on Thursday, Nov. 23 necessitates going to press one day earlier next week. Deadline for news will be Monday, Nov. 20 at noon. Out of town news will be accepted until Tuesday noon, Nov. 22.



Greek Rite In Greece Church

St. Charles Borromeo Church, Greece, was packed with 810 worshippers for Greek rite Mass said in English Tuesday evening. Father James Sarkis said the Mass and Father James Wolfe was concelebrator. The congregation made the responses at the Mass and later more than 500 signed a statement saying they found the English ritual "edifying and... most conducive to active participation in the Mass prayers." Father Sarkis is curate of St. Nicholas Church, Remington St., Rochester.

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