

The Portland Peace Corps Council
October 27, 1965

Note: While the group was gathering, old members were getting acquainted with the several new delegates and examining the attractive, illustrated booklet on the conference of the returned volunteers held last March in Washington, D.C. - also articles in the October Harper's and the Saturday Evening Post dealing with Bill Moyers, formerly the Associate Director of the Peace Corps, now the President's press secretary who inspired the returned P.C.'s with his superb final address.

The following were in attendance:

Dr. Jessis L. Brodie - League of Women Voters
Mrs. Grace Morris - Y.W.C.A. World Fellowship Committee
Miss Marion Reid - Portland Chapter, Oregon United Nations Ass'n
Mrs. Genevieve Yates - Portland Peace Corps Service Organization
Mr. George Swanson - Portland Peace Corps Service Organization
Mrs. Rosie Lee Hopkins - Portland Peace Corps Service Organization
Mr. C.D. Hoffman - State Apprenticeship Council
Mr. S.M. Reese - Portland Rotary Clubs
Mr. John S. Holley - Portland Urban League
Mr. Kai Roland - Portland Junior Chamber of Commerce
Mrs. Beatrice Stevens - Portland Fed. of Women's Organizations
Mrs. Betty Babcock - Peace Corps Liaison Officer, Lewis and Clark College
Sister Rebecca Mary - Peace Corps Liaison Officer, Marylhurst College
Sister M. Caroline Ann - Peace Corps Liaison Officer, Marylhurst College

Peace Corps Returnees: Gale Dixon (Sabah), Jim Morrissey (Indonesia), John Owen (Peru), Mr. and Mrs. Sumner Sharpe (Thailand).

Visitors: Miss Kim Pedersen, Mr. Dick Boró - Parry Center for Children

The chairman, Kai Roland, called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m. in Room A of the Portland Y.W.C.A. The minutes of September 22 were read and approved. The treasurer's report was postponed until our next meeting.

Mrs. Stevens announced the annual dinner meeting of The World Affairs Council at the Sheraton on October 28, where Dr. Frank Williston will speak on Red China and where returnees Dr. and Mrs. F.J. Van Rheezen (Nigeria), Dr. and Mrs. Parry Sloop (Peru), and Mr. and Mrs. Sumner Sharpe (Thailand) will be seated at a special table and introduced. All council members are invited to attend.

She also announced the reception at the Templeton Commons at Lewis and Clark on Sunday afternoon to honor the large delegation from our sister city, Sapporo, Japan.

Report on Rural Recruitment

Gale Dixon reported on the study he and Roger Hord have made (following their assignment of last month) as to the possibility of promoting recruitment in the field of agriculture. The tenor of his report (which is on file) follows:

Our recruiting would be only a supplementary and temporary effort to assist the program of the Peace Corps office, our recruiters keeping in touch with headquarters where their efforts would be appraised.

Initially, P.C. Council members should write letters to friends and relatives in rural areas to learn the extent of interest, especially in such groups as The Grange, 4H, the Corps, Future Farmers - as well as in lodges, churches, P.T.A.

If interest warrants it, send one or two returnees, over some week-end, to a particular area, allotting a minimal per diem only if necessary.

Make plans well in advance, arranging for press coverage and opportunities to meet local leaders, to distribute literature, etc.

Lastly, here in Portland, posters and literature could be placed at agricultural marketing centers, such as grain elevators, stockyards, conventions, etc.

This report was handed over to the recruitment committee for their future use.

General Recruitment

Discussion followed on the people and techniques of the recruitment drive to which we have committed ourselves during the current year. Suggestion was made that we increase the range of our delegate representation on the Council to include ALL colleges in the Portland area, the various nurses' and doctors' organizations, and the teachers' organizations, - that we strive for some publicity for the Peace Corps in technical schools, trade papers, etc. - areas where volunteers are badly needed.

Mrs. Elizabeth Babcock of Lewis and Clark, in reporting on her attendance at the regional workshop for Peace Corps liaison officers in San Francisco, October 8 - 9, said that many of the participants favored Peace Corps service as a desirable interim during the educational process (at the end of the sophomore or junior year) but the consensus was that nothing is so good as maturity and experience in a volunteer.

The chairman announced a meeting on Saturday of the recruitment committee, which consists of Roger Hord, Gale Dixon, Sumner Sharpe, and himself. He spoke of the need of more NON-returnees on the committee.

Need of P.C.V's. at Parry Center

Kim Pedersen and Dick Boro, visitors from The Parry Center for disturbed children, explained the purpose and activities of their institution and made a plea for applications from P.C. returnees who have the flexibility, willingness, and "know how" to adjust to new and better methods of teaching.

As a sidelight, comment was made on the favorable trend toward certification of Peace Corps Volunteers in Oregon.

A Further Plea for Help

Mrs. Stevens read a letter from a Portland returnee, Bruce Campbell, now at Ft. Hall Indian Reservation near Pocatello, Idaho (working as an education specialist) asking for financial help for a blind Indian girl of outstanding craftsmanship to attend a training course in cosmetology. This matter was turned over to our chairman on special projects, John Owen.

Social and Ceremonial Events

John Owen reported the signal success of our party for the Portland State College trainees at the Vancouver Junior Chamber of Commerce Clubhouse on the evening of October 9.

Since the training group asked for another chance to get together socially, he has made arrangements for a termination party for the evening of November 18 at the

Portland Police Athletic Ass'n Building, the event to follow the banquet given for them by P.S.C. that same evening. The trainees will arrange their own program.

The graduation ceremonies of this particular group will be held at 1:30 p.m. on November 19 in the P.S.C. Student Center ball room. The Peace Corps Council and Service Organisation will share the responsibility for the refreshments. All council delegates are urged to attend and offer congratulations.

Mrs. Yates, secretary of the P.C. Service organisation, has offered her home for a get-together of all P.C. returnees in this area sometime during the holidays. Our chairman will very soon appoint committees to work on these events.

Adjournment at 9:30 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
B. Stevens, Secretary

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