

For Peace Corps Week

Peace Corps Impact Discussed by UO Panel

Dissension and the impact the Peace Corps is presently making abroad and in the United States highlighted yesterday's Peace Corps panel.

The dissension was over Peace Corps images. Members of the audience asked if the Corps was a question of prestige, suggesting that conditions of poverty, racial and religious discrimination, and domestic aid in the U.S. should be settled first before foreign help be given.

Corps at Home

Louis Goldberg, one of the faculty members on the panel, phrased it this way, "Do we help ourselves first or someone else?" He went on to explain that domestic problems have been recently put under the War on Poverty program. Previously conditions of poverty and racial discrimination were handled through individual legislation.

Mike McCone, Peace Corps staff member, pointed out the Corps was originally criticized over this point, but explained that the late President Kennedy and Robert Kennedy tried to start a domestic Peace Corps legislation but the proposed bill was killed in Congressional committees by Southern senators.

The question of a United Nations Peace Corps was also brought up. McCone stated that, while the U.N. does not have a Peace Corps, 24 countries have their own Corps equivalents and

24 others are in the process of beginning them. Sargent Shriver suggests a reverse Peace Corps in his book, "The Point of the Lance."

"Bland Volunteer"

More questions came from John Gange, the other faculty member of the panel, over the challenges the Peace Corps offers the graduating college student. He spoke on the "bland volunteer," the product of being too well adaptable. Wanda Mitchell, returned volunteer from the Philippines, stated that the element of the unknown, the uncertainty of what was coming, provided a great challenge to the Peace Corps volunteer. In all cases, graduation from college was advocated.

Gange went on to say "the Peace Corps will maintain its vigor if it stays in the experimental field." McCone added that the Peace Corps remains a challenge through the aspect of being experimental. He noted two areas, health and agriculture, are new experiments in the Corps. Emphasis has been placed on

teaching. McCone pointed out one problem of the Peace Corps in its impact in the U.S. is communication with college-level people. When speaking about the knowledge gained by volunteers, he said, "I don't think we are getting this body of knowledge into the academic world."

Gange suggested that experienced Peace Corps volunteers visit college campuses, lecturing periodically to the students. Miss Mitchell added that "many volunteers are not sure what this experience means" soon after they return from their two-year service.

The panel attributed much of to the corps growing lack of controversy. "We don't generate as much news as we used to," said McCone. Originally people were worried the Peace Corps would be a "foreign legion" for people wishing to escape the draft. Goldberg pointed out that this attitude has changed, especially among Congressmen who previously opposed it.

Draft and the Corps

As for the draft, no one is drafted from the Peace Corps. Goldberg stressed that the government is looking into the abolishment of the draft in six or seven years anyway. Shriver has asked to apply Peace Corps service to doctors' compulsory military service in his search for 500 doctors.

Housing Lists Due

Housing lists for the Oregon housing edition are due now and should be brought immediately to the Oregon office, M110 Student Union.

CORE Stages Picketing

City, University Chapters Protest Housing Case

By BOB CARL
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The State Bureau of Labor is investigating an alleged case of housing discrimination in Eugene. Members of the Eugene and University chapters of the Congress on Racial Equality (CORE) staged protest pickets Tuesday and Wednesday and planned to continue today.

Charges were filed with the Bureau of Labor, protesting an alleged case of discrimination against a Negro mother of six children who tried to rent a house in Eugene.

Official Complaint

The mother, Bonnie Rucker, stated in her complaint to the bureau that she was discriminated against when she attempted to rent a house at 1912 W. Broadway. The owner of the house is Malvin Bixler, of 818 Route 2, Klamath Falls.

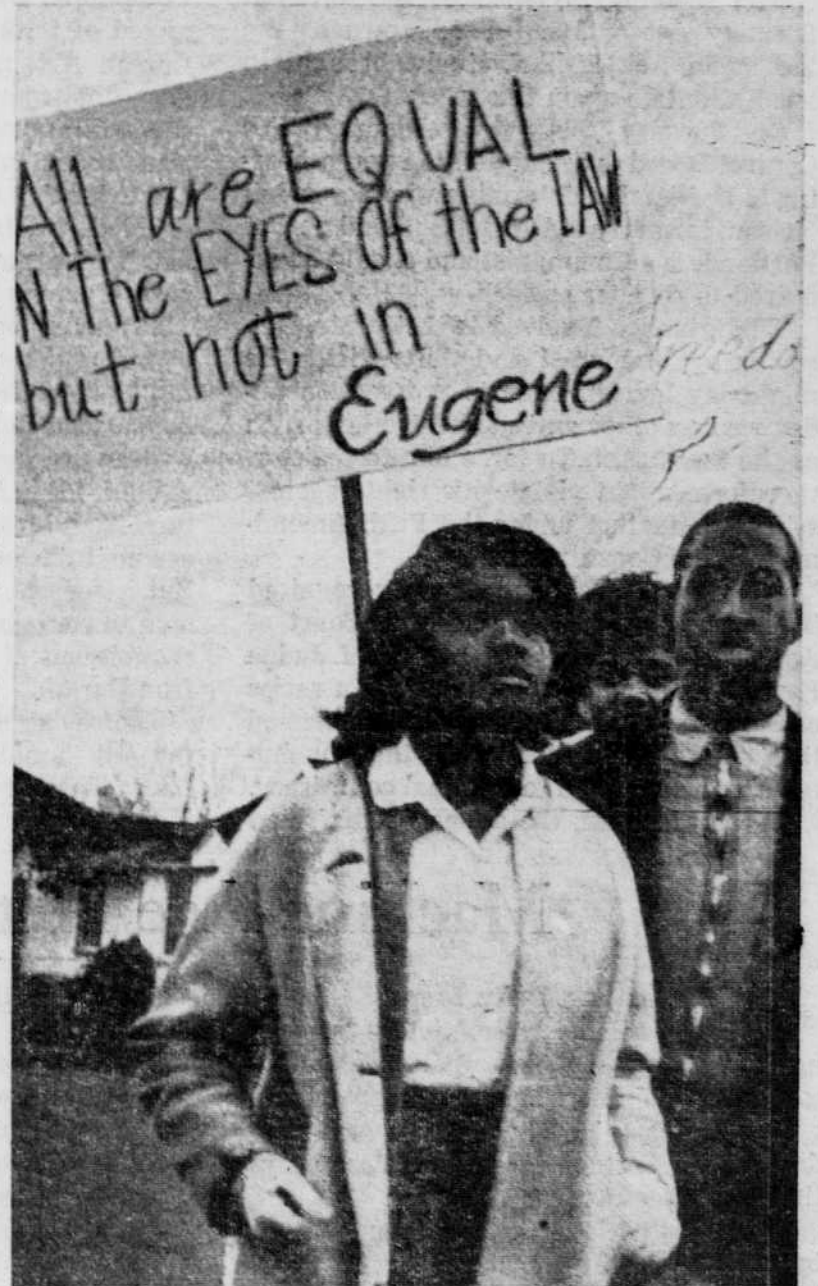
Mrs. Corrine Brown, 1923 W. 9th Pl., told The Emerald that she had been acting as Bixler's agent in renting the house.

Clyde DeBarry, vice-chairman of CORE in Eugene and Lane county chairman of the Oregon Education Association's Human Rights and Responsibilities Commission, said: "This is an obvious case of discrimination."

CORE Story

DeBarry, and Gail Brager, CORE member and wife of a University professor of psychology, gave the following account of Mrs. Rucker's attempt to rent the house:

"I (Mrs. Brager) went with Mrs. Rucker to try to rent the house. When we asked if Mrs. Rucker could rent it, Mrs. Brown



SEVERAL UNIVERSITY STUDENTS and professors participated in the picket line in front of two west Eugene homes on Tuesday and Wednesday. The pickets are protesting an alleged case of discrimination against a Negro mother of six.

—Photo by Bob Denniston

Oath Taken By Johnson

(From AP, UPI Reports)

Lyndon B. Johnson kept his inaugural ceremonies in Washington Wednesday with an address in which he renewed his pledge to attack economic and social injustice in America while maintaining a tough but peace-oriented foreign policy.

An estimated 10,000 persons watched the swearing-in ceremonies in person on the Capitol's plaza, while another estimated 200 million witnessed it on television. The event was carried by Telstar relay satellite to 18 European countries.

Johnson and Vice-President Hubert Humphrey attended church services, were sworn in, attended a luncheon at the Capitol, headed the inaugural parade as far as the White

House, and then witnessed the remainder of the parade from a reviewing stand.

The President's inaugural address was filled with allusions to his envisioned "Great Society."

He said, "In a land of wealth, families must not live in hopeless poverty."

"In a land rich in harvest, children must not go hungry."

"In a land of healing miracles, neighbors must not suffer and die untended."

"In a land of learning, young people must be taught to read and write."

"For 30 years I have believed this injustice to our people—the waste of our own resources—was the enemy. For 30 years I have fought against it; I know it will not surrender easily."

"But change has given us new weapons. Before this generation is finished, this enemy will not only retreat—it will be conquered."

Johnson pledged action on all fronts in seeking the Great Society, saying, "I do not believe the Great Society is the ordered, changeless, and sterile battalion of the ants."

"It is the excitement of becoming—always becoming, trying, probing, failing, resting and trying again—but always gaining."

Concerning civil rights, Johnson said, "Justice requires us to remember: When any citizen denies his fellow, saying: His color is not mine or his beliefs are different, in that moment he betrays America..."

On foreign policy, the President said, "We can never again

NSA Regionals Slated for UO February 12-14

"The Apolitical Student" is the topic of the Northwest Regional Conference of the National Student Association to be held Feb. 12-14 at the University.

Dean Franciskovich, campus NSA co-ordinator, expects about 20 member schools in Oregon and Washington to send representatives to the meeting. Nine separate programs plus a keynote address have been planned for the conference.

Franciskovich said of the theme chosen, "We already recognize a great deal of apathy among the students and their lack of the involvement in NSA activities. We hope to encourage participation by centering the program around this presentation and exploring new possibilities."

Others Invited

He said that in addition to the member schools invited, non-member schools in Oregon are being asked to participate.

He emphasized that any interested students are welcome to attend any or all of the conference sessions.

University President Arthur Flemming will give the conference keynote address if he is available.

The programs will encompass

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SU Board Seeks Camp Property

By STEVE BROWN
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The Student Union Board, meeting Wednesday afternoon, passed the proposal asking permission for Board members and associated personnel to make contributions to the off-campus lodge fund. The request now goes to President Arthur Flemming for his approval. In other action, the Board also revised the block ticket sales plan.

The original proposal, to be edited by Board Chairman Paul Moore, reads as follows: "Proposal: The University of Oregon Off-Campus Facility Fund. The Erb Memorial Student Union Board requests permission to solicit members of the Board, Directorate, and Recreational Council, to sign the remainder of their general deposits to the University Development Fund for deposit in an account called 'The University of Oregon Off-Campus Facility Fund' (University Camp)."

Two years ago, a similar proposal was formulated, but the \$20,000 building program fund goal was not reached and thus the project was cancelled. The total building cost is estimated at \$200,000.

If President Flemming okays the proposal, SU program participants will try for a revised goal of \$6,000, to be taken from general funds and contributions by other interested persons. This money would be used to purchase

an option on property. Board member Jim Lussier, offering a financing scheme, said the \$6,000 goal was very possible to attain.

All Campus Drive

An all-campus contribution drive will not be started until, as Moore stated, "We have something concrete to offer the students. As of now, we have no options on property because the Board has no money for the program."

The final, edited proposal will be read to the Board next Wednesday by Moore.

In other business, the Board changed the block ticket sales plan, approved a resolution by the Association of College Unions-International, and heard a report on the recent Oregon Assembly held last January 15.

In accepting a Board ad hoc committee's proposal on block ticket sales, the Board reduced the number of seats from 53 percent to 31 percent of total seating Sections M, A, Z, and 2G and 2F are now offered only to individual ticket sales. The new plan becomes effective with the Ford Caravan of Music show.

The ACU-I proposal asks "all members of the higher education community to assume constructive and responsible roles within their respective communities, institutions, and organizations in efforts to improve race relations and to equalize educational opportunities."