

VISTA Panel Debates . . .

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raise the economic level of people in poverty, they must teach the poor the "laws of spirituality."

Marxists Wrong

At the beginning of his speech, Shimanek read from an article by church elder Ezra Taft Benson in the "Deseret News." Taft charged that the "constitution and the American republic are being destroyed by the socialist and Communist conspiracy, aided by liberals."

Shimanek said that Marxist theories are wrong because they deny the existence of God, believe that the universe was created by a series of accidents and that



GLADE SHIMANEK

man is a victim of economic determinism.

He said that, judging by his experiences in missionary work, the poor are not victims of economic determinism by victims of a "lack of spirituality."

He quoted from Proverbs to show the contributing cause of poverty — idleness, drunkenness, followers after evil persons, doctrines, and lovers of pleasure — "outright sin."

Ironical

Shimanek claimed "the wall between church and state has been bridged by this program."

"How many of you trainees have approached your church to see what plan it has to eliminate poverty? Why has the government usurped this power?"

He said that although the "volunteers are not paid very much, whose money are they spending? This money is tax money, and not paid voluntarily or out of charity."

Ray Lowe, head of the VISTA Training project at the University, spoke out in defense of the program.

"It's interesting, if not ironical, that for the first time in the history of civilization, that anybody can become a volunteer. Before, there were various prerequisites that were needed."

Lowe noted the many changes in American society during the last 100 years.

'Big Problem'

He said that programs like VISTA provide young people and senior citizens, who are useless in our kind of society, an opportunity to be useful.

He also said that established social agencies have "never assisted people to get out of poverty. Instead, they have helped in getting and keeping many people there."

"Since poverty is such a big problem, national in scope, it cannot be left to chance or chance. Watts could just as easily happen in Eugene, he continued, and the federal government is the only agency that can deal with this problem."

He also claimed that the poverty programs mean "increased

vitality in terms of citizenship, not patriotism, since all 'isms' are outdated today."

People who have worked in these programs are more informed of the concerns, the needs and the problems of the country.

Kenneth Viegas, chief of the



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Family Service Program of the Lane County Youth Study Project, said that he supported the poverty programs but said that this is not "the first effort that has been made."

"It is a myth to even think that all poverty will be eliminated, that welfare agencies have not done anything during the last 30 years, and that all welfare agencies are full of bureaucratic waste," he said.

"Volunteers have a great deal to offer. They can look outside the agency, raise cane and make us think. People in the community will often speak more freely to the volunteers than to the professional," Viegas said.

"The hostility the volunteer leaves behind him when after a year he exists, and the family is still faced with the community, the series of programs designed to solve too many problems in a piecemeal way, and the tendency to kick existing agencies out" — these are some of his criticisms of the poverty programs.

Lawyers Say Position In Viet Nam Legal

CHICAGO (AP)—The American Bar Association declared Monday that "the position of the United States in Viet Nam is legal under international law and is in accordance with the charter of the United Nations and the Southeast Asia Treaty."

The ABA's House of Delegates unanimously approved a resolution taking that position.

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Senate to Hold Fourth Hearing

Members of Young Republicans and Young Americans for Freedom will be questioned today about their views on Viet Nam.

The ASUO Senate's Public Affairs Committee will hold its fourth hearing on the war. The Committee will soon begin drafting bills for a Senate stand on the war, which will probably be taken this term.

The meeting is at 6:30 p.m. in the Student Union.

Senators will question members of the two groups—and also, possibly, Citizens for Viet Nam. There will also be a period for questions from the audience. Bruce Gerhardt of Young Republicans and Randy Gragg of Young Americans for Freedom and probably one more person will participate. They won't be official representatives of their groups.

An earlier hearing heard views of the Young Democrats, Students for a Democratic Society and the Faculty-Student Committee to Stop the War in Viet Nam.

The Senate position on the war will be used to instruct University delegates to the National Student Association summer congress. The NSA congress usually takes stands on national and international issues.

Morale Trouble Seen In 'Teaching Corps'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government's new Teacher Corps program may create a tremendous morale problem among career school teachers, Rep. Edith Green, D-Ore., said Monday.

Mrs. Green, once a school teacher herself, said she would look for another job if she were a teacher and Teacher Corps trainees were brought in at an equal salary, with an opportunity to earn a higher degree. She called them "temporary do-gooders."

Harold Howe II, commissioner of education, disagreed with Mrs. Green on the salary part of her complaint.

He told a House Education subcommittee headed by Mrs. Green that the law provides that Teacher Corps trainees be paid at the lowest salary level for beginning teachers in the local system.

The government will provide the money to pay them.

Howe said the program is entirely voluntary on the part of the school districts, which must ask for the trainees if it wants them, would have complete control of them locally and could fire them "if they don't perform well."

The new program contemplates bringing in Teacher Corps volunteers, drawn from college graduates, for a two-year work and training stint in local elementary and secondary schools.

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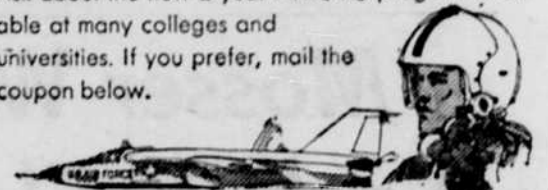
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