

Peace Corps Knowledgeables Attempt to Define Program

Editor's note: This is the first in a five-part series on the Peace Corps volunteer printed in conjunction with Peace Corps Week, which begins today.

The Peace Corps means many things to many people.

A volunteer, a staff member, a host country citizen, a politician, a social scientist, a historian, an educator—all bring their special experiences to bear on defining the essential nature of the Peace Corps. Their insights form a composite picture of what the agency is trying to achieve, and how well it is succeeding.

A host country official: "You are the first European who ever asked me to help him. The others were always telling us what to think."

Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey: "Dollar for dollar, you get more rewards and returns out of the investment in the Peace Corps than almost anything we are doing as a government and as a country."

Jack Vaughn, Peace Corps Director: "We don't seek sanctity, and we try not to be sentimentous about what we are trying to do."

A host country official in Africa: "It is one thing to lean on other nations for materials and technical help. It is more painful to have to lean on outsiders for your spiritual growth. It puts your national soul in the care and keeping of others. But at this point in Africa's history, this is the kind of aid that we are most vitally in need of, and this is the kind of aid your young, wide-eyed volunteers can most freely give."

A volunteer: "Experience, adaptation and realization hammer away at high-flown ideas and occasionally shatter them. . . . But ideals really don't get

lost . . . they turn up when an awfully bad kid finally shapes up, or an insolent teenage girl hugs you and says, 'thanks.'"

Bill Moyers, publisher of "Newsday" and former Peace Corps deputy director: "Unabashedly altruistic in motive, but unashamedly skilled in the techniques of political change—this is the Peace Corps . . . Ideas are great arrows, but there has to be a bow. And politics is the bow of idealism."

A volunteer: "That my Nigerian friends trust me is no reason for them to trust Washington, or forgive Birmingham; but something is there which was not there before, and which the world is the better for having."

David Riesman, sociologist: "Many volunteers return with a better sense of the United States, not only for having seen another culture and lived in it intensely, but for having observed themselves and other volunteers inside the culture, thus beginning to discover what is American about America."

Harris Wofford, a former Peace Corps associate director and now president of New York's State University College at Old Westbury: "To find its context may be the major problem of the Peace Corps' next five

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years: to find its context not just within the government, but within American higher education, with colleges and universities, with faculties and with the new post-Kennedy student generation; within American politics and society at large; and within the process of development, nation-building and social revolution underway in the rest of the world community."

A volunteer: "We can never again become the people we were before we came to Africa. But then, we would not want to."

C. Code Review: Is Oregon Liable?

"Is the Conduct Code outdated? Should the University be responsible for student conduct? Do we need a contempt of court provision? Is the court system relevant?"

These questions will be discussed at noon Tuesday on the Free Speech Platform on the Erb Memorial Union Terrace in a public hearing sponsored by the ASUO.

Three speakers are scheduled, but any member of the audience will also be given use of the platform.

Presenting views will be Clint Archibald, ASUO senator; Johnny Holloway, president of the Black Student Union; and Scott Farleigh, ASUO president.

The hearing is second in an ASUO contact and awareness series. Next week a curriculum analysis is planned.

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• SATURDAY

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