

Shriver Questioned at Length About Peace Corps by Senator Wayne Morse

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Washington (Special)—The Peace Corps idea has swept from coast to coast, and Sen. Wayne Morse found on a recent trip to Oregon that student leaders there have doubts. He subjected R. Sargent Shriver, the Peace Corps director, to lengthy questioning during a three-hour Senate Foreign Relations hearing last week.

Morse told Shriver that his questions "would only serve to help you, for I am in favor of the Corps," then proceeded to pose hard ones on points of criticism which have been raised.

Morse said that students were fearful about deferment provisions, and were critical that the Corps would be yet another in a long line of special "exemptions from the draft" which they thought unfair to those who must serve.

Misunderstanding
Shriver said there was a misunderstanding about deferments and exemptions. The Peace Corps volunteers are not exempted from the draft; they are deferred until their time of service with the Corps is complete, then they are subject to the draft. He said that he has conferred with the head of Selective Service, who told him that one-half of those who are presently 1A are not called.

Morse was also concerned about criticism that the Peace Corps would draw only those Americans who were economically well off, and thus cause complaints overseas that America was sending only the wealthy to help them.

Shriver said this was not justified. He said the Corps would give "adequate" payment: a volunteer would receive transportation, clothing

and housing allowance, and would have held for him as a bonus at the end of his service from \$50 to \$75 a month for the period served overseas.

Returning Home
A young man or woman who has stayed one year will receive \$600 upon returning home; \$1,200 for two years. He was hopeful they would serve two years (a minimum of one year is asked), although he said if the volunteer wants to go home, nothing can stop him.

He emphasized repeatedly that educational and other requirements are stiff; no "joy-riders" need apply. During the screening and training process, volunteers will be told of the rigorous, perhaps dangerous, life they will lead.

The Corps will select the best educated, the most physically fit, and those who are not just fuzzily "idealistic," but who are mature and realistic, and who are able to articulate their beliefs clearly.

Shriver feels that the presence of volunteers in the newly emerging countries, working side by side with the nationals, will be a better witness to our way of life than streetcorner speaking.

Live on Equal Level
Shriver told the Senators, all of whom were friendly if somewhat skeptical of the sketchy plans, that a Corpsman would live on a level in the country equal to that of his vocational counterpart. In other words, if he is to teach, he will live on a scale such

as teachers in that country enjoy. Luxurious living is out, but living in a mud hut is not contemplated either.

Morse pressed Shriver at some length on the financial rewards of the Corps. He said that in our country we follow the principle: "The workman is worthy of his hire, and should receive compensation equal to the services rendered." He said there might be criticism that the program takes advantage of the enthusiasm of the young. Shriver replied:

"I assume that there will be people who make this comment, but I feel the opposite is true. The Peace Corps is giving the dedicated and patriotic ones a chance to serve their country for patriotic and high-minded reasons."

One Fact of Life
"One of the facts of life today is that many citizens say it is impossible to make a contribution to world peace. They haven't been challenged and given a chance to respond and participate, and I feel this is the reason why a great number of young men and women are willing to leave gainful employment to offer their services to the Corps."

Morse said that he was not asking in a critical spirit, but that Shriver would find the compensation factor would cause criticism and he should be prepared to meet it.

No one hazarded a guess on what such "compensation" would cost the taxpayers, however Shriver estimated that contemplated payments would cost \$9,000 to send and maintain a young person overseas—less, he said, than it costs

"Remember," Shriver said, "they come into the Corps willingly, not in some compulsory manner. They would not be working for nothing. They might even be able to save more while they are overseas than if they had a job in the states."

Hypothetical Case
Morse also called for compensation for the young people if they are seriously hurt

Phoenix Group Holds Ceremony

Phoenix—An induction ceremony for the Phoenix chapter of the National Honor society was held last week in the band room of the Phoenix High school.

New NHS members include Sande Beddoe, Barbara Beer, Ernie Bolz, Chyrl Bowman, Kay DeMers, Rosalie Dole, Bonnie Faytinger, Karen Mabee, Darlyn Popow, and Frank Thorpe. Unable to attend was Rebecca McAlister because of illness.

Purpose of the induction was to state the objectives of the honor society as well as to witness the pledges of the new members.

E. M. Skipworth, principal, introduced Mrs. Ellen Hegner, honor society advisor, and welcomed those attending. Joyce Stockstill, president of the chapter, noted the achievements of the members to be inducted.

Pat Diederich, society vice president, explained the history and purpose of the National Honor society, and four senior members explained the "cardinal purposes" of the NHS. Frances Kievet spoke on scholarship; Othar Richey, character; Liz King, leadership; and Sandra Dickinson, service.

Ushers included Rick Seymour, Terry Hanson, and Nancy Seiber. A reception followed the ceremony honoring the new members and their parents. April Burnett served at the refreshment table.

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EPID Waterusers File Charges Against Ex-District Employee

A complaint involving Eagle Point Irrigation district waterusers has been filed in Jackson county circuit court.

The complaint is against Mrs. Thelma Short, former officer and employee of the district, and has been filed by Howard and Ann Todd and Paul D. Conrad.

The lengthy complaint cites eight specific charges against Mrs. Short. According to the complaint, the action was taken by the waterusers since the "board of directors has refused" to take legal action against Mrs. Short.

The complaint charges that: 1) The district was deprived of Mrs. Short's services while she kept records for the California Oregon Power company regarding their work on certain irrigation district facilities. The complaint seeks compensation for these services for which Mrs. Short received \$5,005.

2) As an officer Mrs. Short failed to charge and collect interest on delinquent payments of assessments of Clarence J. Greb and Ted R. Flury. The complaint asks that the defendant make an accounting of delinquent accounts because they "are so numerous and complicated and involved that the extent of loss cannot be determined" otherwise.

Mrs. Short is then asked to pay the district the amount which is shown to have been lost.

3) Mrs. Short failed to charge customary and usual rates for district's work for the Little Butte Irrigation company, City of Eagle Point, and for Eagle Point Irrigation district officer and employees. An accounting of these is also asked.

Accounting Is Asked
4) The district was due \$20,984.80 for entrance fees by waterusers of the district. The

loss of revenue to the district of that amount is sought.

5) Mrs. Short failed to fully assess, charge and collect payments of all assessments from Dale Bush, Flury, and Ed Greenwood for irrigation water. An accounting is asked.

6) Mrs. Short altered district assessment records for 1958 without any authority to reflect a credit of \$136.50 in the account of Walker, Lerbeck and Eaton. Full restitution is requested.

7) The defendant used district water on her land, benefitting the land by \$5,280 for which the plaintiffs wish to recover for the district.

8) When Mrs. Short resigned as a district employee on Nov. 22, 1960, the district paid her \$717.50. The plaintiffs seek restitution of the "gift."

The plaintiffs also seek costs, interest and \$4,650 in attorney's fees. John M. Ross is attorney for the plaintiff.

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