



New Jersey College Students Collect Supplies for Uganda

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Glassboro, N. J. (UPI)—Students from tiny Glassboro State College were mildly outraged when a Russian told them to their faces the United States was so decadent it could no longer inspire underprivileged nations.

On a field trip to the United Nations last April, the 30 members of Glassboro's international relations club met

the Russian U.N. aide. During the bus ride back to school, the students talked about his biting remark and what they could do to prove it wasn't so.

As the bus rumbled through the pine woods of south New Jersey, "Operation Uganda" was spawned.

Uganda, a British colonial territory straddling the equator in East-Central Africa, gained its independence Tues-

day. It's 6.7 million inhabitants are largely illiterate. A gift of books and school furnishings would be appropriate for the newest of Africa's emerging nations, Marius Livingstone, the cigar-smoking adviser to Glassboro's International Relations club.

The idea caught on fast on the Glassboro campus, a one-time peach and apple orchard, and has spread to the townspeople of Glassboro, civic organizations throughout New Jersey and to other schools.

In the basement of the Glassboro theater, there is a mountain of books—40,000 of them. Seventy-two used school desks are being refurbished in a nearby garage. They will soon be shipped to Uganda along with blackboards, maps and other school supplies. Some Glassboro students may go to Uganda in the future as teachers.

If, in fact, the United States is decadently disinterested in the world's backward nations, the people in this South Jersey town haven't got the word.

Given Most of Credit
Livingstone, an associate professor of social studies with an abundance of nervous energy and a taste for bow ties, has been given most of the credit for the project by the students and faculty members working with him.

"He works about 20 hours a day on Operation Uganda," said Club President William Kanouse, a 19-year-old junior English major from Glassboro.

"I don't think his wife knows what he looks like any more."

Helping combat illiteracy in Africa wasn't a new idea for Livingston. In 1957 when he taught history at Pennsylvania high school in Yardley, Pa., he organized a student club which sent some 26,000 books to the then new African nation of Ghana.

Take It In Big Way
Glassboro students took to Operation Uganda in a big way. Local theater owner Clayton (Duffy) Platt gave them permission to use the theater basement to store the books.

Platt, who is a borough councilman, liked the idea so much he gave the students a small pickup truck which they painted fire-engine red with a sign on its side, "Ugandamobile."

The Ugandamobile has been all over South and Central Jersey collecting books from schools, libraries, private individuals and colleges.

The students couldn't afford to insure it for a male driver, so sophomore Carole Leporati, 18, of Oak Valley, N.J., has become the official truck driver for the project.

The New Jersey Rotary has promised the students 1,000 books from each of its 60 clubs throughout the state.

Gov. Richard J. Hughes proclaimed Tuesday at Uganda Independence day in New Jersey.

Donate Maps
A map firm has donated \$300 worth of maps for the project. Fifty book publishers

have promised 2,000 new books among them for Uganda.

The Gotham Manufacturing company of New Rochelle, N.J., donated enough new blackboards to equip 10 classrooms.

Theater owner Platt has made a deal in which to allow students to sell tickets to certain movies, and he splits the take 50-50 with them.

The Hunt Bros. Circus put on a benefit performance for the project in Burlington, N.J., and loaned its big top for the Uganda Independence day celebration in Glassboro.

Fourteen African ambassadors will attend. A tape-recorded message from Uganda Prime Minister Apollo Obore will be played and Glassboro students will speak by telephone to Uganda officials in Africa.

Asked to Ship Books

The Uganda ministry of education has asked the U.S. government to ship the books and the African American Institute in New York will transport the other school supplies to Uganda.

Plans are still tentative, but Glassboro hopes to send several June graduates to teach in Uganda.

Betty Bowe, 21, a social studies senior from Glassboro, as assistant director of the project under Livingston has been to Washington three times to confer with ambassadors and the state department on the project. She is the daughter of Glassboro Mayor Joseph Bowe. His honor help-

National Event To Be Observed With Center Open House

In observance of National Employ the Handicapped week, the local rehabilitation center for the blind of southwestern Oregon will hold open house Friday, Oct. 12, at the center, 248 East Stewart ave.

Clyde Richardson, rehabilitation counselor for the commission, announced that the open house will be held from 2 until 5 p.m. with the public invited to attend.

Refreshments will be served throughout the afternoon by the Jackson County Red Cross committee for the blind. The Senior Citizens orchestra will play.

Invitational Luncheon
The local council of the blind will hold an invitational luncheon at the center Friday at noon. During the luncheon, which is co-sponsored by the Jackson county chapter of the

Red Cross, information will be given about employing the handicapped individual.

Jennings Pierce will be master of ceremonies with Ralph Moore, Medford, speaking on the soundness of employing the handicapped. Miss Grace Peck, Portland, will speak on legislation for and on behalf of the blind, seriously disabled and senior citizens.

Representatives from various private and government organizations interested in promoting employment of the handicapped will attend the luncheon.

Persons interested in additional information regarding the local center and the activities Friday may contact Richardson at 772-5427.

Search for Portland Hunter Called Off

The Dalles — (UPI) — Organized search for a missing deer hunter was called off by the Wasco county sheriff's office Wednesday night.

Sheriff Ernest Mosier said Frank Brentano, 60, Portland, was presumed dead.

Brentano became lost Sunday morning in the Wamic area of Wasco county. The search was started Monday.

JOB PICTURE BETTER
Washington — (UPI) — The number of major industrial areas suffering substantial unemployment fell from 47 to 44 last month. Secretary of Labor W. Willard Wirtz said it was the lowest mark since the summer of 1960.

COLLECTING BOOKS — Glassboro college student, Earl Bargerhuff, 21, waits in "Ugandamobile" for schoolmates Carole Leporati, 18, (in back), and Angela Picirelli, 18, to hand up books to him. A group of students, who have dubbed their

project, "Operation Uganda," have stored books in Glassboro theater. They will be shipped to African nation of Uganda, which gained its independence from British rule Tuesday. (UPI)

GOOD SCOUTS

Whiteparish, England — (UPI) — Cub Scoutmaster Geoffrey King, 26, and den mother Mrs. Winnie Cobern, 40, have run off together, the spouses they left behind said today. "We're not going back," King said in Liverpool. "Of course, we have left the Cubs."

Former Portlander

Quits Mediation Board
Washington — (UPI) — Robert O. Boyd, a former Portland attorney, has resigned as a member of the National Mediation Board.

Boyd, who joined the board in 1953, plans to resume private law practice.

CITES DRUG DANGER

Washington — (UPI) — The Food and Drug Administration warned Tuesday against the use of the drug, Liefcort, in treating arthritis. The danger is that it cannot legally be imported but cannot legally be imported into this country.

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