

# Accion Volunteers Make Man's Dream Come True in Slums of Venezuela

New York—UPI—In a dingy slum of Caracas, where cab drivers refuse to go because Communist bands burn cars, two young American girls are satisfied over the success of their cooking school. Even the local Communist leader wants to be listed as a sponsor.

At Sierra Maestra, in the heart of Venezuela's pro-Castro country, a young Californian looks up from the wheelbarrow he is repairing and grins at the new brick and steel community center being built.

More than 700 miles to the east, water rushes through a 2,000 foot pipeline for the first time to the village of San Felix and another American smiles.

These projects are among 17 operated in Venezuela by a group called Accion, all because a 28-year-old former Wimbledon tennis player dreamed one day at this kitchen table.

Joseph H. Blatchford, the tennis player, dreamed of a private peace corps in December, 1960 and Jerry Brady, 26, and Gary Glenn, 25, fellow law students at the University of California, agreed.

The three students managed to raise \$90,000 from businesses, foundations and charities in North and South America and about a year later, Accion was born.

Accion volunteers today live in the slums of politically explosive Venezuela. They help build schools, community centers, water systems and small industries. Thirty-five Americans are serving in the South American country. Ten are women. The volunteers serve for 18 months and receive \$150 a month. They get travel expenses.

The private peace corps hopes to have 60 Americans in Venezuela by next summer. The U.S. Peace Corps has 67 volunteers in the country and 28 training to go there.

Blatchford heads Accion's operations in South America. Brady is in charge of the New York office and Glenn handles recruiting in New England. Accion hopes to recruit volunteers in Canada as the next step to expanding the corps.

Volunteers do not have an easy time. "It's a tough life, there's no getting around it," says Brady. "Most of them do not have lights or running water."

"We believe there are things that can be done without the massive Alliance for

Progress type aid," Brady says. "We're actually in the business of bringing these people together in a community."

"We're trying to bring about a new community spirit, a spirit of self-help in these slums—what you might call a town hall mentality, local problems solved locally."

"We're trying to give the people a new independence and cut the old dependence in Latin America that everything comes from the government."

Suzy Navarrete, 29, of Los Angeles, Calif., and Winifred Marich, 24, of San Pedro, Calif., discovered a hodgepodge of wood and cardboard when they moved into a slum on the outskirts of Caracas last January. The slum is a Communist stronghold.

"We looked for some community organization to work through, but none existed," the girls wrote. "Nor was there any community awareness or consciousness."

The volunteers gained the help of some natives, rented a building for \$50 a month and started a community center. Soon there were classes in cooking, sewing, English and literacy.

At Sierra Maestra, where Castro's influence is still strong, George Armenta of Monterey Park, Calif., hears natives speak proudly of their community center.

"Like nothing in this barrio,

## Chairmen of ASC Committees Will Elect Area Group

Chairmen of each Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee will meet in Medford Thursday, Dec. 13, to elect a county committee for 1963, according to M. B. Caster, of the Jackson county ASCS office.

The county committee administers all federal farm programs which apply to the county, Caster explained. The present county committee consists of Albert Straus, Sams Valley, chairman, Don Nichols, Ashland, and Vernon Gebhard, Central Point.

Community committees elected for 1963 are: Applegate: Richard LeRoy Offenbacher, chairman; Louis Straube, vice chairman; Francis Krouse, member; Harlan Cantrill, first alternate; Martin Grier, second alternate.

Ashland: Richard Ireland, chairman; Rodney Keating, vice chairman; Ben Dawson Jr., member; John Billings, first alternate; B. A. Stevens, second alternate.

Central Point: Donald Bolner, chairman; Lloyd Hammond, vice chairman; Homer Conger, member; Dixon Salizgaver, first alternate; Ronald von der Hellen, second alternate.

Eagle Point: Dale Bigbam, chairman; David Woolfolk, vice chairman; John Ousterhout, member; Donald Ullom, first alternate; George Jess Jr., second alternate.

Jacksonville-Medford: John Niedermeyer, chairman; Robert Minear, vice chairman; Steve Nye, member; W. B. Barnum Jr., first alternate; Dave Lowry, second alternate.

Rogue River: Damian Estremado, chairman; J. E. Parson, vice chairman; Walter G. Kasworm, member; Herman Kamping, first alternate; W. H. Hall, second alternate.

Sams Valley: Burle Burrenson, chairman; J. W. Fitzgerald, vice chairman; Sam D. Glass, member; Vinson Hunt, first alternate; Lloyd Beers, second alternate.

## Nonfarm Payroll Record Established

Washington—UPI—Nonfarm payroll employment set a November record and average hourly earnings of factory workers crept up by a penny to another new high, the Labor department reported Tuesday.

Its monthly survey of the employment picture found the work week lengthening in November, a month in which it usually grows shorter.

Developments reported by the department were pretty much in line with normal seasonal changes and indicated no particular strength or weakness in the economy.

There were 56.2 million persons in nonfarm wage and salary jobs last month, a record for any November and a solid 1.1 million more than in November, 1961.

**HEARING SCHEDULED**  
Salem—UPI—A public hearing at which the State Department of Agriculture will propose to adopt the federal food and drug administration regulations on pesticide residue tolerances is scheduled here Dec. 28.

this community center is ours," the Venezuelans say.

And at San Felix, where for 15 years the people had to buy water at an almost prohibitive price, there is a 2,000 foot pipeline thanks to David Smith, 20, of Berkeley, Calif., and Talton Ray, 23, of Pine-

hurst, N. C. "We went down there strictly as an experiment to see if Americans could do this work effectively," says Brady speaking of Accion's 35 volunteers. "The experiment appears to be succeeding."

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## Texas Oil Field Valves Get Brands

Missouri City, Texas—UPI—They put their brands on other things besides cattle in Texas. Machinists here put their individual brands on the W-K-M division of ACF Industries, Inc.

Each craftsman is issued a distinctive, brand-like stencil to identify his work. In addition to making possible a check on the close tolerance of each man's machining, it instills pride in workmanship, the company said. Its complex high-pressure valves often bear as many as two hundred "brands," each representing a separate operation or inspection.

## Party Idea Booklet Available in City

Medford Park and Recreation Director Robert L. Haworth has announced that a booklet of Christmas party ideas is available without charge to interested persons.

Haworth also reminded Medford residents that Christmas gift certificates for season swim passes next summer have been prepared, and may be purchased in the department office in city hall.

The party idea booklet was designed especially for youth group leaders and program chairmen of local organizations, Haworth said. They may be obtained at the department office or by calling 773-7355 and requesting that a copy be

mailed. The season swim passes provide free swimming instruction in addition to admission to either pool—Hawthorne or Jackson—during the regular swimming sessions.

Prices for the passes are children under 12, \$4; students 12 to 18, \$5.50; adults over 18, \$7.50; and families, including all children under 18, \$17.50.

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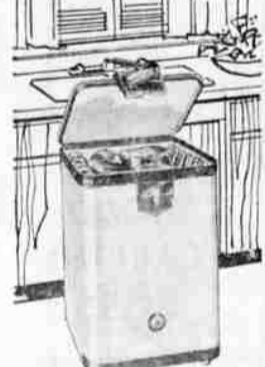
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