

Senior Corps for African Country Plan of Hartke

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Washington — (UPI) — When Sen. Vance Hartke (D-Ind.) visited Africa, he found U.S. Peace Corps members helping the emerging nations with problems of health, education and agriculture, among others. He also found many African businessmen struggling along without any help at all.

It occurred to the senator that there ought to be a program of technical assistance in the free-wheeling world of private enterprise in which Americans have long excelled. Sen. Hartke thought there must be many knowledgeable, retired businessmen willing to share their experience with less skilled merchants or managers overseas.

The Indiana Democrat took his idea for a "Senior Peace Corps of Retired Businessmen" to Commerce Secretary Luther Hodges and Hodges liked what he heard. He assigned a top aide, Dr. Jack N. Behrman, assistant secretary for domestic and international business, to study the proposal. Chances are a program along this line will be announced.

they aided, Hartke thinks. The pay would not be great, "almost on a basis of non-pay," the senator said, but retired men would have completed their big earning years, paid for their children's education, and met the requirements for pensions and other such benefits offered by their former employers.

Skills Needed
A tour of duty in a foreign land where his skills could be put to good use would bridge the chasm between working and enforced leisure, Hartke said. It also would permit many businessmen to be of service to humanity, a goal many cannot afford until they are retired.

An accountant, for instance, could advise a fledgling storekeeper how to set up business-like accounts which could make the difference between success and failure.

Hartke Expects Support
Hartke had no doubts such

help would be accepted with open arms.

"These people have a thirst for knowledge," he said. "The Africans admire the U.S. willingness to work hard, to create demand. They want to know how to do that, how to develop capabilities, themselves."

He conceded that language would be a big barrier but said his own tour of Africa convinced him it would not be insurmountable.

"When you're thrown in with people, you learn how to communicate even if you don't speak the same language," he said.

The senior peace corps would serve this nation's business firms by developing new commercial avenues, Hartke continued.

Many of the new nations still look to their former "mother countries" for guidance which automatically forges business links, he said.



WORK FOR RETIRED — A new way for the elderly to avoid abrupt transition from working to retirement has been suggested by Sen. Vance Hartke (D-Ind.). Hartke's idea of a "Senior Peace Corps" of retired businessmen met with almost instant approval from retired men across the nation, (UPI)

Hi Y Clubs Plan Trip to Klamath

Members of the Senior Hi Y and Dodge Tri Hi Y clubs will go to Klamath Falls Saturday, Feb. 16, for the Southwest Oregon District Youth and Government pre-legislative assembly.

An officers training shop was held at the YMCA here recently. It was attended by 35 members of the Elliott Junior Tri Hi Y, Dodge Tri Hi Y, Hornet Junior Hi Y, B.H.Y. Junior Hi Y, Medford Senior Hi Y and Ashland Junior Hi Y.

Guest speakers at the training session were Curt Saltmarsh, speaking on "History and Orientation" and the

"Functions of Committees," Robert L. Jones, "The Qualities, Tools and Techniques of Leaders," and Larry Clark on "Christian Leadership."

Other speakers were the Rev. William Saladin, who chose "Inspiration" as his subject, and Bud Geren, who spoke on "Marks of a Good Club." Dean Hansen and Mark Deaver, students, gave the greeting and the benediction and Randy Moyer presented the noon blessing. Bill Stamps was master of ceremonies.

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Many of the men had been forced to retire by inflexible company regulations that say when you're 65, you're out, Hartke said. He believes more than a few of them "have a lot of good years left, and don't want just to sit and whittle."

To send these men to underdeveloped countries where their business savvy is eagerly sought would help them as much as the persons

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