

Peace Corps Volunteers Destined for Brazilian Duty

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Albuquerque, N.M. (UPI)—A steady stream of versatile volunteers in the Peace Corps will "hit the field" this year after an intensive 12-week training program for South American work at the University of New Mexico.

The man in charge of the \$1.5 million program is Dr. Marshall R. Nason, 46, a linguist who has served on the Corps staff in Washington and directed field activities in Chile and Argentina. Peace Corps Director Sargeant Shriver, the President's brother-in-law, calls Nason an "ambassador extraordinary" for the Corps.

Nason said his center at UNM "forms the backbone of the program for Latin America . . . which is the priority area for the Peace Corps."

Intensive Study
Each of about 880 graduates will receive a dozen weeks of training, nearly half devoted to intensive study of either Spanish or Portuguese. The other half of the program is about equally divided between academic work, physical conditioning and specific skills in areas such as public health, first aid or community development work.

Included in the program are 16 hours of "drawn proofing." A final examination requires volunteers to bob up and down in the school swimming pool for 90 minutes with their hands taped behind their backs and their knees against their chests, simulating cramps.

The physical education department is so impressed with the "drawn proofing" program that they are considering adding it to their regular swimming training," Nason said.

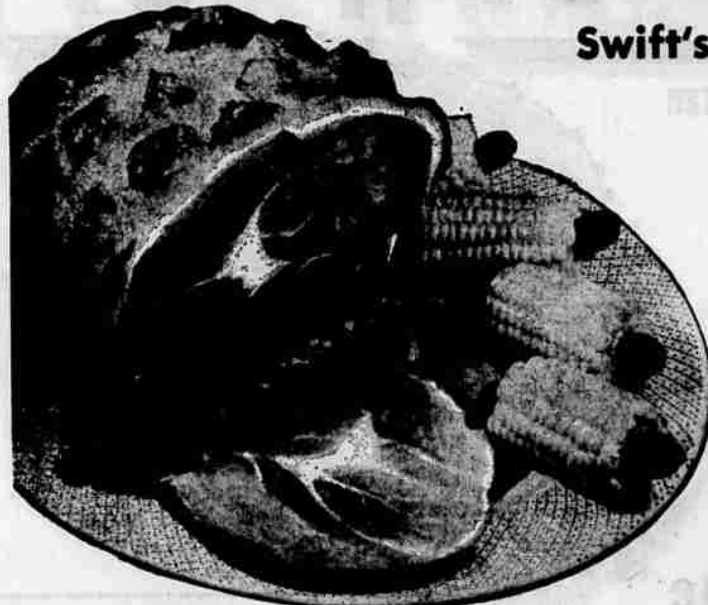
On Campus
Eight of the 12 weeks of the center's program are spent on the campus of the state university and the other four in field training in the mountainous area near Taos, N.M. Volunteers will live on a ranch and in a big adobe dormitory and classroom building in the city at the edge of the Kit Carson National Forest.

Field exercises in the type of "community development" programs to be undertaken in South America will be conducted among the Spanish-speaking populations of Taos, Chama and Dickson, N.M.

Field work in New Mexico will include slaughtering animals, drilling water wells, building bridges and buildings, riding horses and raising chickens and rabbits.

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Nason said although the ratio of trainees is heavily male, women volunteers are slightly better because "they are made compassionate and sensitive to human needs."

They spend three afternoons a week working on university projects, such as digging ditches for new pipe, working in the machine shop, or helping string telephone line. Nason said the work is highly practical.

Mason said the overall program conducted by a staff of 70 persons at the first permanent training center for the peace corps is designed "to prepare the volunteer for elbow to elbow work with people of his host country."



DEMONSTRATE BLOCKS— Professor Chester Brown (R), head of industrial arts department at the University of New Mexico, shows Roy Ruderman (L) of Millwood, N.Y., and Bill Beaver of Port Royal, Pa., how to make adobe blocks in Peace Corps training at Albuquerque, N.M. (UPI)

The Family Council Perkins Transferred To Portland Post

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, three editors and a women's editor. Each article is a summary of a family disagreement presented to the Council. The Council deals with problems, major and minor, encountered by guidance counselors and social workers. Edited by Mrs. Alma Denny. (Copyright by General Features Corp.)

Floyd S. — I'd like to fight the retirement rule in our company.

David S. — It's the only fair way to make room for new blood.

Floyd S. — It's strange and unfair. One Thursday in June I'll be considered hale and hearty, fully employable, a fine worker. Then overnight, on Friday, I become useless to my firm. Why? Only because I'll be 65 years old and automatically retired. It's so illogical that I'm ready to get a lawyer and try to fight the silly rule.

David S. — It's not silly. It may seem cruel in my brother's case because he's still so full o'beans on the job and enjoys it so. Working in the same plant, I'm slated for the same treatment and I'm ready for it. The old-timers like us must make room for the bright young fellows who want to work their way up. Floyd can't be maintenance supervisor forever. That's life.

The Council: Instead of fighting the "City Hall" of his firm, Floyd should try to look

squarely at the array of alternatives which loom ahead, from that fateful Friday on. Though technically "useless" to an employer with a mandatory retirement set-up, he'll find he's not only useful but needed desperately in a half-dozen other enterprises. Why be so one-track? . . . Most men welcome the chance for a Chapter II in their lives. As their own boss, the timing is optional if not decreed by their doctors. In the case of Floyd and David, it's required at age 65. . . Shall this chapter read A New Job? (State Employment Offices have special bureaus for retirees), or Travel or Study or Volunteer work? . . . The Peace Corps, that body of friend-winners for the U.S.A., welcomes the skilled 65-year-old who can afford to turn his patriotism into action. . . Having worked under pressure all your life, Floyd, here comes the magic wand you to work, still but at your own pace. A gentleman of leisure, you need not be a gentleman at leisure if work is your joy.

Randall F. Perkins, district ranger at Butte Falls on the Rogue River National forest, will transfer April 14 to the division of recreation in the Pacific Northwest Regional office of the forest service in Portland.

Perkins has been Butte Falls district ranger since 1960. He worked in other positions on that district from 1954 to 1960. Before that he worked on the Mt. Hood and Rogue River National forests as a forestry aid.

Perkins is a 1952 Oregon State university graduate in forest engineering. He and his wife have two sons and two daughters.

Sheriff's Deputies Check Two Burglaries
Jackson county sheriff's deputies are investigating two burglaries which occurred Tuesday night.

Entered through the roof was Westgate Market, 2370 Jacksonville highway.

Also entered was the office for Pace Setter Homes, Tolman Creek rd., Ashland. Entry was made by removing the hinges from a door. Nothing was reported missing.

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