

# Dope Addicts, Slow Readers Interest Peace Corps Here



HELP NEEDED — Ralph Chamberlin of Bound Brook, N. J., and Viola Kaufman of Beaumont, Tex., members of the Peace Corps, find many people need assistance in this country. Here they are shown teaching a class in Public School, 100, in Harlem. (UPI)

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NEW YORK (UPI)—At a bar in a tightly packed tenement ghetto, a young Negro—bearded and six-foot plus — sat haunched over a bottle of beer.

William W. Pace, 26, student of philosophy and friend to drug addicts, was out on the "prowl," looking for pals on a heroin kick.

An addict walked in. "I talk their lingo," Pace said. "He said he's got to meet the dealer (sell something at a pawnshop) to stay on the mainline (heroin)." . . .

Pace is one of 50 young people participating in a unique experiment, a federally supported pilot project for President Kennedy's proposed Domestic Peace Corps. The initial project is in the nation's largest (450,000) Negro community — Harlem — six square slum-ridden miles on Manhattan's upper east side.

Works With Addicts  
Pace is the only one working with addicts. He grew his beard ("to overcome that middle-class barrier") and works to help the addicts indirectly by compiling case histories about them, letting professional workers do the job of effecting a cure.

Dr. Lonnie McDonald, Bill's supervisor at Harlem Hospital, explained: "Though he's not medically trained, he's certainly able to bring a great deal of useful information to us — the kind that comes directly from observing the addicted persons in their daily life and talking to them about the things that are of concern to them." McDonald had to do much of this himself before the Corps came to Harlem.

Ralph Chamberlin, a slender, 24-year-old New Jerseyite (one of six white members of the Harlem project), held up some signs in a remedial reading class, helping a group of eight- and nine-year-old Negroes who were already as much as four years behind in their English proficiency.

Plans to Write  
"I felt very white when I first came here, but after a while I didn't think about it," he said. "I'm interested in journalism — in writing about race relations and for the last two years I had been doing a lot of reading."

"Now I want to do something. There are so many needs." Farther downtown, in a day center for senior citizens, Bessie Wright, 24, from a Negro college in South Carolina, passed out checker boards in a recreation hall run by the Department of Welfare and the Salvation Army.

Named By Dutch  
"People are always confusing me with the other corps," she said. "They say 'When are you going to South America?' I tell them that I'm in the Domestic Peace Corps, that there's plenty of work here (in the U.S.) that needs our attention."

Harlem today, mostly Negro with some Spanish-speaking Puerto Ricans and a few whites, was named by the Dutch (after Haarlem, Holland) and settled mainly by Jewish and Italian immigrants until the 1920's. It gradually became predominantly Negro.

Today, Harlem contains great areas of slums. Squalid, match-box tenements line the streets. All varieties of social ills — crime, dope addiction, illegitimacy — plague the area and the ratio of unemployment ranges from two to five times the average of New York City as a whole.

"To know one black ghetto is to know another — Chicago's south side, Beale street in Memphis," said Livingston Wingate, an attorney who is the director of the Harlem project.

"What we're doing here," he said, "is attacking the crucial areas — unemployment, education, housing, health and welfare."

"The Peace Corps concept will become nationwide eventually, for all underprivileged groups. The Negro has no monopoly on hardship. There are white people who also need help."

## Stanford Student Released From East German Jail

BERLIN (UPI) — Robert F. Mann, 20, Sepulveda, Calif., reached West Berlin Wednesday night after 21 months in an East German jail, a U.S. spokesman announced.

Mann "appears to be in good physical and mental health," the spokesman said.

The Stanford University student was immediately spirited away by Western officials and "will be staying privately in Berlin while completing arrangements for his return to the United States," the spokesman added.

Release Expected  
Mann's release had been expected for several days, since he had completed his prison sentence in East Germany, but neither the time nor the route were announced in advance.

Mann, a student at the Stanford overseas campus at Stuttgart, West Germany, was arrested in East Berlin Jan. 22, 1962.

He was tried in a secret court session July 14, 1962, and sentenced to 21 months imprisonment, including the time he had already been under arrest.

Informed sources said Mann was tried on charges of trying to help East Berlin students escape to the West with borrowed passports.

"Actually the charges preferred against Mr. Mann have never been made public, and his trial was held in secret," the U.S. spokesman said.

To Be Questioned  
Mann was expected to be questioned about his experiences by U. S. officials before he has a chance to meet newsmen.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mann, Sepulveda, were not believed to be in Berlin.

Two other Americans are known to be held in East German prisons.

Jean F. Loba, 37, Altadena, Calif., was arrested June 2, 1962, and later sentenced to 30 months for aiding refugees. Gabriela Hammerstein, 33, Jackson Heights, N.Y., was arrested in January, 1962, and received a six-year sentence on espionage charges.

## Reporter Board Adds Businessman

PORTLAND (UPI) — Robert J. Davis, former executive vice president of Tektronix, Inc., Beaverton, has joined the board of directors of the Portland Reporter, it was announced today.

Davis retired last year from Tektronix.

Robert D. Webb, publisher of the newspaper, said the board of directors would be expanded to add another, as yet unnamed, businessman.

## Oregon State To Note Anniversary On October 29

CORVALLIS — Oregon State University, Oregon's oldest and largest state-supported institution of higher learning, will mark the start of its 96th year Oct. 27.

Because Oct. 27 falls on a Sunday this year, Charter Day will be noted at a special Oct. 29 convocation. Congresswoman Edith Green will be the speaker and outstanding professors will receive teaching awards as a part of the observance.

OSU is one of the nation's land grant, or "people's," colleges that came from the signing of the First Morrill Act in 1862 by President Lincoln. The act provided grants of land to be used by the states for the "sole purpose of endowing, supporting, and maintaining publicly-controlled colleges."

90,000 Acres Provided  
In the case of Oregon, 90,000 acres were provided (30,000 acres for each representative in Congress). These were sold and funds invested. About \$6,000 is still received annually in interest.

It was on Oct. 27, 1866, however, when Corvallis College — up to then a community academy and Methodist Church college — was designated by the legislature as the "state college."

Benton Hall, oldest building on campus and the only one for a time in the early years, was a gift from the people of Benton County. It marked transfer of the college campus from downtown Corvallis to its present location. President James H. Jensen pointed out, in noting the growth of the 95 years.

OSU's enrollment this fall is a record 19,421.

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