

EDITORIAL

A. J. Leibling, critic and watchdog of the American press, once said the *News* and the *Mirror* reminded him of a big and a small eel in a tank, and that at anytime he expected the big eel to swallow the small eel. Well, at last it has happened; the big eel has recently devoured the small one. And with that 1400 jobholders hit the bricks and the employment office, in that order. Let's face it, the loss of the *Mirror* is no great blow to the world. The *Mirror* was a standard tabloid devoted to sex, sensationalism, and smaltz. It was, though—and this is important—a place to work.

True, not all of the 1400 employees were journalists. The printers union will take care of their brothers; the office and business people will have no difficulty in finding other jobs; Walter Winchell and some of the other columnists have jobs at the *Journal-American*, but what will happen to the reporters, copywriters, proofreaders, assistant editors, and editors? These people will have somewhat of a problem finding work.

The present goal of the newspapers is consolidation, or in everyday words, monopoly. With the merging of newspapers, jobs are decreasing. This is simple economics. With the exception of retaining the comics of the bought-out newspaper, there is a very limited number of old personell retained.

One newspaperman out of a job will not have a difficult time finding something else, but a couple of hundred out of work simultaneously is a Hearst of a different color. Jobs just aren't that numerous. The younger workers fare better than the older or better paid ones, since in a time of a newspaper shutdown the worst liability a worker can have is a high salary.

Newspapers are big business. There is plenty of money to be made even with competition, but the current trend is to (a) sell out the paper and pocket the huge profit (b) buy out the other fellow and then make all the available money. Either method does little to help the employment outlook for journalists.

If a journalist is working in a town with only one paper, the danger of losing his job is remote. If he is working in a town with two papers he might lose it at any time, and if there are three, he has two chances out of three of ending up in the advertising business or teaching at some college. Students of journalism, choose your minor wisely.

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Questions, Answers On the Peace Corps

"I want to open up my heart and give of myself." This is a paramount attitude of an adventure-seeking group of people known as the Peace Corps.

Questions being asked about this select group are numerous. Who will go? How large will it be? Will there be a salary?

Answering the questions most often asked is the purpose of this article.

1. What is the Peace Corps?

It is a simply as Pres. Kennedy defines it "a pool of trained American men and women" who will be sent to help underdeveloped foreign countries.

2. Is the need for a Peace Corps justified?

Statistics on poverty, illiteracy, and disease in Africa, Asia, and Latin America point to the fact that the need for experienced teachers in these areas is acute.

3. What will the Peace Corps do?

Teaching and training these people in underdeveloped areas to develop their countries themselves is the main goal of the Peace Corps.

4. How large will the Peace Corps be?

When the number of volunteers reaches its peak, it is expected to have a force of several thousand people.

5. Just who will be in the Peace Corps?

American youth just out of college as well as anyone with practical experience can help fill the need. As Mr. Kennedy said, "All Americans who are qualified will be welcome to join this effort."

6. Will the members be paid?

There will be no salary, however, there is a living allowance and a small "severance pay" when a member leaves to start in private life.

7. Will the job be hard?

Yes. As Pres. Kennedy describes it: Life in the Peace Corps will not be easy. There will be no salary and allowances will be at a level sufficient only to maintain health and meet basic needs. Men and women will be expected to work and live alongside the nationals of the country in which they are stationed—doing the same work, eating the same food, talking the same language." Depending on the country, life could be rather primitive.

8. Will the Peace Corps be a substitute for military service?

No. The whole project might be a complete failure if it were made into a "haven for draft dodgers".

9. What is new about sending Americans overseas to give aid to foreign countries?

The approach is new. The Peace Corps will go into small villages and show the people how to do things for themselves, instead of coming in and doing the whole job.

10. Will any part of the program be emphasized?

The President said that the initial emphasis will be on teaching. Besides teaching, however, other programs are:

"Participation in the world wide program of malaria eradication."

"Instruction and operation of public health and sanitation projects."

"Aiding in village development through school-constitution and other programs."

"Increasing rural agriculture productivity by assisting local farmers to use modern implements and techniques."

There is actually little that they would not help the village with.

Highacres Sorority Announces Officers

Theta Sigma Pi sorority was organized primarily to provide social fellowship. Membership is open to all female students enrolled at the Hazleton Campus of the Pennsylvania State University.

Throughout the school year various social functions will be planned to include the entire campus.

Officers for the current year are:

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