

Peace Corps To Place Farm Consultants Overseas

WASHINGTON, D.C. — American farmers will join Peace Corps Volunteers (PCVs) overseas this fall in a "Farmer-to-Farmer" initiative designed to provide much needed agricultural expertise to farmers throughout the developing world.

During the pilot two year Peace Corps program approximately 50 American farmers a year will work with PCVs and developing world farmers as agricultural extensionists. The 30 to 120 day assignments will be implemented in conjunction with Volunteers In Overseas Cooperative Assistance (VOCA), an organization that represents approximately 75 million American cooperative and credit union members.

The accord almost doubles the amount of VOCA volunteers in the field. Last year 54 VOCA volunteer farmers and agricultural sector specialists worked as consultants with developing world cooperatives and farmer associations which requested assistance.

The expanded Agency for International Development (A.I.D.) financed Farmer-to-Farmer initiative is funded under an amendment Representative Doug Bereuter of Nebraska attached to the Farm and

Security Act of 1985. Under Congressman Bereuter's amendment, one-tenth of one percent of all U.S. funds appropriated for the Food for Peace Program is to be used to send American farmers as volunteers to developing countries for short-term assistance.

Peace Corps Director Loret Miller Ruppe called the accord with VOCA "a breakthrough for the Peace Corps that enables PCVs, developing world and American farmers to combine forces against the misery of malnutrition and hunger."

She said, "More than 1,500 PCVs work on agricultural and food production projects around the world. They carry a simple, basic, home-grown message — 'Soil can be improved. Pests can be controlled. Food yields can be increased. Post-harvest losses can be cut.' The Volunteers and the people they work with, however, need help.

"VOCA is an organization of experts, experienced people, respected in every part of rural America for their ability to solve the practical, everyday problems of farming. Our grassroots contacts and their experience makes for wonderful, life-giving

combination."

Congressman Bereuter praised the joint Peace Corps and VOCA initiative. He said, "Farmer-to-Farmer works and we are proud of these volunteers. It is fitting that the program will become part of the Peace Corps, an organization that has a tradition of mobilizing valuable human resources for Volunteer programs. Farmer-to-Farmer has much to offer host nations and Volunteers."

Peace Corps Agriculture Specialist Phil Jones said that future team efforts could include activities such as recruiting an American dairy farmer, who, with PCV assistance, could work with Ecuadoran milk producers, introducing them to the latest in ration formulation and animal health practices. Other U.S. farmers, he said, might advise counterparts in Gambia in grain bin construction to cut post harvest losses or teach farmers in Nepal American irrigation techniques to increase vegetable production.

Under the agreement Peace Corps will identify specific Peace Corps agricultural projects that can benefit from the consulting services of VOCA Volunteer farmers. Peace Corps will subsequently provide orientation and cross cul-

tural training to volunteer farmers it selects from recommendations proposed by VOCA. It will also monitor and evaluate the Farmer-to-Farmer projects for effectiveness. VOCA will not only recruit candidates for the Peace Corps field placement, but they will also, under terms of the AID contract, fund the farmer volunteer's travel, living allowance, insurance and out-of-pocket costs during the short term assignments.

"In much of the Third World food production is a matter of life or death," Peace Corps Director Ruppe declared. "American farmers keep the horrible specter of

famine, disease, and premature death from our shores. Now with the Farmer-to-Farmer program we are going to the world's countryside to help others help themselves. We're not waiting until television again shows us films of starving and dying children," she said.

Peace Corps officials expect that the Farmer-to-Farmer initiative will aid the Agency in developing a model short term Volunteer program. The Peace Corps is currently considering plans for abbreviated PCV tours of six-months to a year for candidates possessing especially scarce skills in the fields of agriculture, health and education.

Award For Poultry Research Paper

NEWARK, DE — Michele C. McGuinness of Wilmington, Del., a graduate student in avian physiology at the University of Delaware College of Agricultural Sciences, has been awarded a certificate of excellence for the research paper she presented at the 1987 Poultry Science Association meeting.

Only the top 10 percent of graduate students presenting papers at the meeting received this honor. McGuinness, 22, reported on stu-

dies she conducted on the hormone somatomedin and its interaction with growth hormone in chickens. The annual meeting of the association was held in Corvallis, Ore., in August.

A native of Wilmington, McGuinness attended John Dickinson High School. She received her bachelor's degree in Animal Science in 1986 from the University of Delaware and will receive her master's degree in the spring of 1988.



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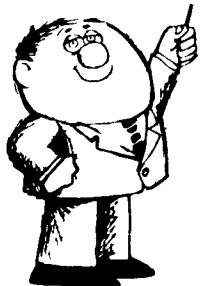
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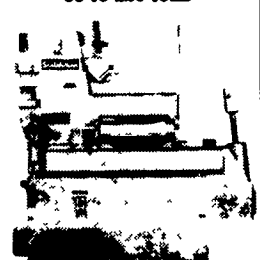
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