

Editorial Opinion

Peace Corps Fills Need

The Peace Corps established yesterday by President John F. Kennedy is the most significant step the United States has yet taken in this world of "haves" and "have-nots" that will stand or fall according to the outcome of the relationships between these two groups.

It was simultaneously a strategic foreign policy move and an invaluable propaganda piece for the West in the current ideological struggle for the minds of men.

But more important it was a recognition of the responsibility of the U. S. — "the haves" — to minister unto the "have-nots" and opportunity for dedicated Americans to help their fellowmen.

Finally the U. S. has hit on just what is needed by the under-developed countries.

The Peace Corps volunteers will go only when and where requested. They will serve without pay. They will eat, speak and live with the people. They will, in effect, become a part of their society. It is in this context that they will aid that people.

They will be the true ambassadors of American concern and desire to help the under-developed countries. They will be reaching the people in the only way they really can and need to be reached.

The conditions of service, of themselves, should keep the Corps free of the type of foreign servant that earned us the title of Ugly Americans.

The Peace Corps can be the organization that erases this ominous label from our nation.

These goodwill teachers and technicians will be invaluable to countries in establishing educational and economic foundations which they so sorely need so that their capabilities can catch up with their great desire to accomplish a century's revolution in a decade.

We were only sorry to see that these men and women who will be serving their country in a much more noble capacity than the military will not be given draft exemptions.

However, those of draft age who enter the Peace Corps will probably have bypassed the draft by the time they return.

Congress should waste no time in establishing this as a permanent program.

Letters

Brandt Differs On Nittany

TO THE EDITOR: After reading Tuesday's Collegian editorial on the Nittany room search incident, it seems to me the writers have made a fundamental error in assessing the laws which govern such actions.

No one can argue that throwing firecrackers around a dormitory is irresponsible and highly unworthy of college students nor would anyone say that steps should not be taken by the University to correct such situations.

The University, then, is not a superstate, but considers at least three-fourths of its family as subject to state and national laws. There is no reason to suspect that it should exempt the other one-fourth from the same regulations.

This is where the basic difficulty arises, for members of the administration have, to my mind, violated the spirit of Art. 1 sec. 8 of the Pennsylvania constitution and Art. 4 of the Bill of Rights which state that "The People shall be secure in their persons, homes, papers and effects from unreasonable searches and seizures."

The Collegian has supported this violation by suggesting that the character or maturity of the individuals involved alters, in some way, their rights as citizens.

The fact that not all of the residents of Nittany 37 were implicated in the firecracker case but that all were subject to the same unreasonable treatment is strangely reminiscent of the manner of other societies from which the nation has had to protect itself in the past.

—John Brandt, Graduate Student

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(Ed. Note—We did not support the violation by the counselors of the right of security of private property. We pointed out that this was wrong. We also rapped the irresponsible gestapo accusations which were hurled in this case.)

Interpreting

Corps Will Rouse Young Tom Dooleys

By J. M. ROBERTS

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President Kennedy's Peace Corps of economic and educational Tom Dooleys is exactly the kind of thing to fire the imagination of America's youth, and of her oldsters, too.

Aside from its serious and important purposes, this is indeed opening a New Frontier for thousands of young people, aware of

the need for a truly new world, dedicated to the search for it, yet facing years during which a forum for their ideas would be hard to obtain.

Here is sponsorship and subsidy for a new generation of Dooleys and Schweitzers during the years when learning is easiest and outgiving most satisfying.

Dr. Edward Teller, one of the top men in nuclear physics, taking a look at the problems produced in his own field, suggested some time ago that a year of work abroad should be a requirement for finishing college. This in order that Americans might learn to speak some of the out-of-the-way languages "and learn about the big world in which they will have to survive or go down."

In this business of learning, which could transcend the progressive results in the fields of economics, of agriculture, of education and of health, the

program strikes a new note in seeking to have the corps members live and work at the level of those whom they will seek also to help.

There are undoubtedly perils which the program must face. Communists, recognizing the opportunity connected with working abroad under the U.S. flag, will make desperate attempts to infiltrate the corps. They have long been attempting to subvert the idealist type of youth which will provide the backlog of the corps. The State Department and the FBI think they can handle that, and are taking steps to do so.

Wisdom is not a general attribute of youth. Overzealousness in attempting to combat old and stultifying customs is a danger. Isolation for a time from the affairs of their own country will present some members of the corps with the problem of "re-entry."

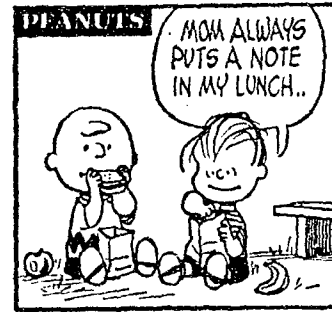
But they will be in the middle of a great modern adventure —the search for a basis on which men and women of good will may live with other men and women of good will, in a world where space no longer separates.



ROBERTS

Gazette

TODAY
 Bridge lessons, 6:30-8:30 p.m., HUB card room
 DOC Council Dance, 8-12 p.m., HUB ballroom
 Interlandia Folk Dance, 7:30 p.m., 301 Eng. B
 Interstate Debaters, 8 a.m.-11 p.m., HUB assembly room
 IVC, 12:15-1:10 p.m., 218 HUB
 Mineral Industries Colloquium, 4:15 p.m., MI auditorium
 Pi Kappa, 6:30-8:30 p.m., 214-216 HUB
 Placement, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., 203 212-218 HUB
 Square Dance, 8 p.m., Wesley Foundation, 256 E. College Ave.



Catholic Clergy May Defeat Castro

By STEPHEN R. BLUM
Contributing Writer

Fidel Castro is in the process of knelling his own death bell; or rather the bell is going to possibly be rung for him.

The bell is that in the steeple of every Roman Catholic church in the world, with the possible exception of Franco's Spain where the clergy has submitted to the Generalissimo.

There has been a good deal of sparring between the Castro government and the clergy, and this was and is to be expected.

The Vatican sits on very slowly moving foundations and is not prone to make the sort of quick political outbursts that Castro seems to require.

The tensions that arose during the Castro revolution (to be distinguished from a rebellion, which it was for only a short time) and which have been slowly brought to a frenzied pitch have definite propaganda uses in motivating the people to action.

Every transitional government needs to try very hard to respect somewhat the Old Order while nevertheless systematically destroying it. If a revolution is to be total in nature and social in character, then eventually all vestiges of

the Old Order must go.

In order to keep people in the frame of mind to keep active a revolutionary rebirth (or purge, depending on your bias) there are a few basic things that elementary mass psychology says must be done. There must be a scapegoat and an attention-getter, if possible in combination.

For weeks Dr. Castro used the impending "invasion" of U.S. forces. Since the invasion alert could not be kept up indefinitely before even the zealots began to doubt its veracity, the Church now comes into the limelight as the attention-getting scapegoat.

A poignant novel by the British Roman Catholic novelist Grahame Greene, "The Power and the Glory," tells of the feelings of a priest in a Mexican state where the Roman Catholic faith was dictatorially abolished by a law which required all priests to either marry or leave the state's boundaries.

The ensuing spiritual dejection of the people, coupled with the fear of being near the novel's hero, an incognito priest who continues to minister to the people, make the book good literature but hard to believe factually.

But the time and place of events such as Greene wrote of

may be drawing near.

Roman Catholicism is not a minority in Latin America, and the Catholic hierarchy in the Western Hemisphere is a potent spiritual and political force.

Dr. Castro just might be burning both ends of the taper. On the one end may be Latin America's Catholics. These people may be more than upset by banishment of the priesthood, should that happen in Cuba.

The other end of the taper may be the now-dormant flame of counter-revolution sparked from within Cuba. The counter-revolution, should it come, would be partly theologically based.

I believe Castro has done a great deal for Cuba. People who had never previously done so are eating and sleeping in some degree of happiness. I will not condemn this. From the viewpoint of one with not all the facts, and from the viewpoint of one who is not pretending to judge, I would even personally condone much of what the Castro government has done.

But, Castro is now attempting to play with one of man's most cherished emotive forces —his will to believe. This may be a spiritually and politically disastrous move for Dr. Castro to undertake.

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