

Peace Corps Trains In Survival Methods

By DOTI DRASHER

Mountain climbing up 70-degree slopes, tree leaping "a la tarzan," and survival swimming with hands and feet tied have helped prepare Peace Corps volunteers for future assignments in the Philippines.

About 20 of the young men now continuing their preparation on campus spent September

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(Continued from page four) which President Kennedy foolishly agreed to hold with Khrushchev in Vienna earlier this year fitted perfectly into the Russian cycle.

Despite these mistakes, recent action and talk by the Kennedy Administration indicates the United States is embarking on a policy that involves more initiation and less reaction to Russian moves.

In World War II, U.S. leaders had time to develop the will and determination of the public. Obviously no such time would be available if we were to fall behind the Russians militarily.

Thus, the American public must be kept on edge and made to suspect the battle is tougher than it really is.

Developments in recent months, however, have convinced many Americans that the future is hopeless. This may indicate that the Generals, Admirals and politicians are pushing this "scare" a bit too far, which could result in the development of a widespread defeatist attitude.

Kennedy's realization of this possibility might be the reason he has spoken about Berlin with great caution in recent weeks.

The inability of the American public to evaluate the complex weapons systems of this era has aided the propagation of the false image of rapidly accelerating Russian military strength.

It is time the Kennedy Administration began to reassure the U.S. public and its allies that the United States maintains a military superiority that would be decisive in war, even nuclear war.

It should also be pointed out that the development of atomic bombs by Red China and other hostile powers will not jeopardize the security of this nation because of our overwhelming lead in delivery systems and anti-missile missiles.

at a Puerto Rican training camp in the tropical rain forest of the island.

The intensive training program they received there not only prepared them physically but it tested their stamina, individual reactions and attitudes under "field" conditions.

Kenneth Rashid, one of the volunteers from New York who trained in Puerto Rico, said many Americans are limited in their activities and do not know how much they actually can do physically.

He said that under the conditions imposed in this experimental survival camp program a volunteer learns to make maximum use of his physical capabilities. He also learns to make the right decision quickly and to do so without panicking.

Besides participating in hikes, climbs and swims the volunteers lived in tents, ate from army mess kits, and spent several days working with the rural development program in Puerto Rican villages.

Another volunteer, Phil Bloom from New York City, said that two volunteers each were sent to nearby villages to talk with the people. They were to evaluate what simple practical measures could be done to aid community development, he said. Some of the volunteers helped on the farms, others aided a road building program.

Town meetings were held outdoors in the evenings with the help of Peace Corpsmen. Gas generators were used for lighting, he said.

The volunteers also found time for discussions on some of the writings of Sartre and Camus with their leader, Rev. William S. Coffin, Yale University Chaplain and member of the Peace Corps Advisory Council.

The 45 other Peace Corps volunteers who did not have the Puerto Rican experience will receive their survival training on weekends at the Stone Valley camp, Bloom said.

Students Plan 'Ban On War' Organization

The organizational meeting of SENSE, a group of University students opposed to war as a means of settling international disputes, will be held at 7:00 p.m. tomorrow in 217-218 Hetzel Union.

This new organization was formed last spring when a group of students began meeting informally for discussion and decided to frame a constitution for an organization, Sam Rotenberg, chairman, said.

Holding its meetings in the University chapel, the group grew and took as its discussion topics such things as the Berlin crisis, Rotenberg said.

The SENSE constitution states that the organization "undertakes to promote through discussion, lecture, study and legitimate public action a broad and comprehensive program in the interests of peace."

The organization elected officers and is now seeking a charter from the Senate Subcommittee of Organization Control, Rotenberg said.

Other officers in addition to Rotenberg are John Kunselman, junior in chemistry from Charleroi, vice chairman; and Jane Beitcher, freshman in liberal arts from Philadelphia, secretary-treasurer.

SENSE has not yet affiliated with any student peace organization, Rotenberg said, but is discussing the possibility of affiliation with "Student SANE" or the Student Peace Union. These groups, he said, are represented by large chapters on many college and university campuses.

Chapel Choir Sings On European Tour

By PEGGY RUSH

Climbing the Alps, participating in the Swiss Independence Day celebration, attending the Wagner Festival in Bayreuth, and singing and sight-seeing in Prague are but a few of the experiences 70 members of the University Chapel Choir had while touring Europe this summer.

The choir, during its 6-week stay in Europe, toured and gave concerts at Rhodes and Coventry in England; Geneva, Switzerland; Vienna, Austria; Prague, Czechoslovakia; and Edinburg, Scotland. They also went sight-seeing in London, Paris, Engelberg, and Salzburg and Bayreuth.

"At the end of the trip, I felt that we'd really made some sincere friends for the United States," Marianne Ellis, senior in arts and letters from Washington, D.C., said. "We showed the people of Europe that all American teen-agers aren't the black leather jacket, rock-and-roll fans that they think we are," she said.

Most members of the tour list Prague as the highlight of the trip. Lou Ellen Strong, junior in secondary education from State College, said "The people were so different from any other we visited. They were a hopeless kind of people, and our singing seemed to bring a spark to their lives."

The choir was invited to sing at a Folklore Festival while in Prague. James W. Beach, director for the European tour, said that the choir sang with their greatest conviction, showing that they were standing firm for what they believed in. Afterwards, an old man, a Communist, was heard to say, that the concert was, victory for America, Beach reported.

In Geneva, the choir sang to

a capacity crowd of over 1,300 in the Cathedral of San Pierre and received reviews in Geneva newspapers. They called the choir "undoubtedly well-balanced and of a high standard . . . inspired by very high spiritual aspirations," Beach said. After the concert the choir stopped at Engelberg, Switzerland, where they "spent money and climbed to 9,000 feet in the Alps."

The choir members were in Edinburg for a performance of "The Tattoo" with its pagentry of bagpipes, the Black Watch and members of the Scottish Brigade.

Through the Looking Glass

with Gabbi

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