This is intended to be an information report, with some further statement of objectives, progress, and problems. It represents a further development of some ideas, some newly expressed potentialities, and certain problems. Your reactions to any or all phases will be welcome, particularly regarding some of the problems outlined as to our proposed Friday evening assemblies.

In brief, we have to carry forward several phases of preparation:

1. "selective service" activities, mostly to be done by a committee not to be on the regular staff (Barnard, Robinton, O'Neil, et al.)
2. orientation, in college; outline sheets, meetings, individual conferences, et al., by the preparatory committee, and by the "staff."
3. enlistment of definitive group; more men needed, with several solutions under consideration. If possible we want at least one dormitory full, seventy men. This is a definite problem.
4. planning for group living, room assignments, etc. Miss Barnes is taking on practically all the administrative details relating to registration, fees, et al, both beforehand, and for Morrisville (Mohl &c) (5) Courses of study bulletins, etc. A synthesis of statements, to describe objectives, show how each course, (most of them,) fit into the general picture, etc. Missall of Pol. Science seems to have imagination for this. Immediately, this will serve as information for students, and for other uses. Eventually, it may be part of a booklet.
6. Farm labor arrangements advance, and during the summer. According to a State Ed. Dept. program, with preliminary part being left to up-staters, according to announced plans.
7. Brooklyn College, Institute relationships. Based on State Ed. Dept. and on preliminary discussions with Galbreath, seems likely to work out eventually as a possible joint program. Galbreath is interested in being able to report the use of the Institute, and seems ready to take part in phases of program. Now it is B. J. putting a program into operation, using facilities afforded to it through the State Ed. Dept., and exploring the amount of cooperative service for phases of the program which may be obtained from the Institute staff. For example, it is possible that we may be able to find a meteorology instructor on their staff. If so, I hope we can qualify him with our Physics Dept. and include maxima meteorology as a course. Payment would be nominal, obtainable from State funds allotted for general supervisory expenses.
8. Cur's staff so far includes: Edna Barnes (Administrative and Social) Mohl (English, etc); Missall (Pol. Sci.); Fleisher (Math, Navig.); Valentine (Milit. Top.); Booth (Geology); Winslow (Sociology); Rita Gutman of Hygiene, hoped-for (Farm Biology); plus Meteorology.

The staff is big enough to cover a good range of subjects, but, unless we get the meteorology, it will be deficient in War Service courses. As listed, it just about uses up the allotted budget, leaving a little for expenses, with some available from State funds. Fleisher is a volunteer. Winslow is technically not eligible, because of Evening Session teaching. If he comes, he will have to be covered from State funds, which is possible.
I am so sorry I crowded the preceding so much. I did not expect it to stretch so far. I'll clear the technical questions, like that for Winslow, through Irwin. Here follows something relating to general objectives, with questions, implicit and explicit, at your doorstep.

Long-term planning: Farm labor demands are expected, (U. S. D. A.), to be worse in 44 than in 43. Galbreath is thinking in terms of future summer utilization of the Morrisville Institute, during the war, and afterwards. In other words, we have groundwork for later developments along educational lines of the sort you are interested in. Right now, housing, including feeding facilities, are all that prevent us enlisting more than two hundred. We could get the girls, I am sure. Right now, with such facilities, and if our first objective was not crop harvesting, we could enroll for domestic science—Home Eco., with the feeding of the farm workers, a canning project, etc., in the picture. We could this summer furnish working squads for the Institute farm. We are staying away from these so as not to complicate problems.

Friday evening programs: Why not plan to make these a sounding-board for B. C. and its present project, with a series of ten programs, cover—Economics (Gideonse); Soils (Geology, Chemistry, Agriculture); Sociology, History, Literature, Government, etc. For such a program we ought to enlist big names who can produce. I do not know whether we can realize on the potentialities this summer. Modest objectives, soundly planned for, with enough news value in some of the speakers, could accomplish considerable.

Explicitly, we should have a skeleton program of topics, with a few acceptances lined up, on the basis of which we could then go after others. Syracuse, Colgate, Hamilton, Albany, Washington...ought to be sources.

That is enough for now. I have some teaching work to catch up with.

Sincerely,

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P. S. The "Progress Report" should be in the hands of the staff early this week. I missed getting a reference to it on the Council agenda. What about the President including something in his announcements by way of enlisting interest in the Friday series? While I have covered technically for the Employment Committee the steps leading up to the present status, and while I believe there is no substantial opposition to the idea as such, I believe it would help to have the President invite general interest and cooperation, point out educational possibilities, etc.