Throughout America Youth Serves the Community in

WORK CAMPS
OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICE
DO YOU WANT A USEFUL SUMMER? SEND FOR THE WORK CAMP ANNOUNCEMENT

WORK SERVICE offers young men and women a chance to build community projects of lasting value—health centers and playgrounds, new roads, bridges and dams.

AMERICAN COMMUNITIES—mining towns, eroded farm areas, rearmament boom towns—and how constructive forces meet these problems—offer work camp members the background for a better understanding of our civilization.

COMMON GROUND for native and foreign born; Protestant, Catholic, Jew; Negro and White; student, worker, and farmer: artisan and dreamer—a work camp strengthens the union of these young Americans.

A NEW PHILOSOPHY for a generation bred on uncertainty is sought in the combined wisdom of the members of the work camp. Through new faith in their personal capacity, through group and self discipline, and through a measured confidence in the effectiveness of liberal democracy they achieve a clearer picture of the goals for which they work.

Beyond the college wall is the American nation. If students are to know this nation—the character of its people, the scope of their problems, the lives they lead,—books and films and occasional speakers are not enough. Students must work with Americans different from themselves in background, must share their labor and their pleasures.

Whether in the Green Mountains of Vermont or in the cotton region of South Carolina, work has an appeal for the American student. From long stretches in the city, and long hours at a desk, a work camp is welcome relief. But it is more, for in this country democracy holds that all men acquire honor through work; the farmer and mechanic are equal in dignity to the banker and landlord. Through work camps young men and women understand this equality. Through their labor they pay tribute to the dual nature of citizenship—service as well as privilege.

Living in voluntary work camps throughout the country, youth may learn the human quality of economics, the vigorous and progressive nature of the people, the varied and rich pattern of American culture. What rearmament means to the men who forge the steel, who mine the coal, what share-cropping

means to farmers on eroded soil, what help a Cooperative can give to the men who live where the lumber barons de-spoiled their heritage—these are the realities often concealed by cold print. The work camp teaches these through first-hand observation, familiarity with the people and their problems, through local speakers, through literature, through the stories and the songs—the folk culture of the region.

A DESCRIPTION

The camp period is one month in the summer. Age limits are 18 to 24. Locations (to be announced) are selected because of unusual opportunities to study communities confronted with industrial or agricultural problems, or because of some social rehabilitation project.

The Work Program includes constructing dormitories for children's camps, improving roads, building a medical center, building school facilities for communities, social service agencies, cooperatives.

The Study Program deals with local issues and their relation to a liberal American democracy. Recreation—through sports, songs of the American continent, stories of a young nation, folk dances—makes sure that in addition to work and study there is relaxation and recreation.

Staff is drawn largely from young college instructors. Others come from settlement houses, cooperatives, Unions, etc.
A TYPICAL WORK DAY

Reveille 6:30 A.M.
Breakfast 7:00 A.M.
Work 8-12 Noon
Lunch 12:30 P.M.
Study and recreation (also trips to community) 2-4 P.M.
Lectures and Discussion 4-6 p.m.
Dinner 6:30 P.M.
Recreation: reading aloud, singing, folk dancing 7:30-10 P.M.

EXPENSES

There is a $50.00 fee for each four week camp. It is expected that most campers will be able to pay their own fee and traveling expenses but some scholarships are available for those who would otherwise be prevented from attending.

A $5.00 deposit is required at the time application is accepted. In the event that withdrawal is necessary and written notice is given before June 1st, this deposit will be refunded.

The International Student Service provides four services to students: Conferences on issues of current importance; assistance in securing refugee scholarships and in selecting refugee students; publication of a student magazine; and summer Work Camps.

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