



Prison Camp Donation to MLK Statue Fund

Inmates at Mecklenburg I, a minimum security prison under the North Carolina Department of Corrections recently raised \$150 for the Martin Luther King Statue Fund. Members of the Mecklenburg I basketball team played against WGIV's team and held a disco at the Excelsior Club to raise money. Among the 160 inmates in Mecklenburg I, Edward Davis, John Wood, David Blackman and James Grant organized the fundraising events "to show their concern for the

community," according to Robert Reese, superintendent of the unit. The inmates at the minimum security prison "are within a short time of returning to the community," Reese said. They are presently employed in the Charlotte community and pay the Department of Corrections for room, board and transportation, Reese pointed out. Mecklenburg I's basketball team won the South Piedmont Championship.

OIC Takes Lead In Sponsoring Citizenship Seminars

Special to the Post

Opportunities Industrialization Centers of America (OIC) has taken the lead in sponsoring a series of Citizenship Seminars which describe programs that show corporate social responsibility.

The OIC purpose is to encourage businesses and industries to renew their obligations to the communities in which they do business.

Rev. Leon Sullivan, President and founder of the successful manpower training organization, announced the first pilot seminar held in Philadelphia in February was such a success it would be repeated at the OIC National Convocation in Washington, D.C., June 10-14.

Rev. Sullivan said, "There are numerous examples of major corporations which have not neglected their responsibility to the community. Many of the companies that support OIC have marvelous community relations programs. What we're trying to do is stop the trend in companies which seem to be neglecting this obligation while engaging in a variety of public affairs activities which provide no payback to the community."

Rev. Sullivan said the pilot seminar in Philadelphia was organized by members of his National Technical Advisory Committee (NTAC) which represent some of the more than several hundred businesses, which support OIC with financial contributions and executive volunteered time and expertise.

"One of our NTAC people remembered a challenge that Secretary of Commerce Juanita Krepps had sounded at an OIC national convocation," explained Sullivan. "Ms. Krepps thought some group should take the lead in reminding industries that a fundamental part of public relations is to return some of their earnings and profits to their own communities."

"We knew many of our NTAC companies had innovative community projects and we asked five of them to tell other Philadelphia area firms and community leaders about them," declared Sullivan.

"The interest in Philadelphia was high. On a cold, snowy morning nearly 100 people attended and participated."

They heard Campbell Soup



OIC CITIZENSHIP SEMINARS are being planned for various major cities. (Top) The pilot project in Philadelphia included, left to right, Frank Moore, Campbell Soup Co.; Frank Hess, Gulf Oil Corporation; Matthew Moore, OIC advisor; Richard Jackman, The Sun Co.; and Roy Kohler, Gulf. (Bottom, left) Rev. Leon Sullivan, OIC founder, at press

conference. (Bottom, right) Sarah Smith, General Electric Co., was aided in the GE presentation by a "leader of tomorrow." The seminar will occur next at the OIC national convocation in Washington, D.C. June 12. It stresses corporate programs that show social responsibility.

Company explain how "A Corporate Neighbor Gets a Job Done" in Camden, N.J., a rundown of numerous projects including day care and health care.

Gulf Oil Corporation representatives talked about the evolution of Minority Relations programs and featured a plan to reduce high school

dropouts. Dr. Daisy Richardson, Principal of Simon Gratz High School in Philadelphia, supplemented the Gulf presentation.

The Sun Company described its programs to stimulate employees to channel their volunteer energies toward the betterment of their communities. International Business

Machines related its experiences with "Junior Achievement" which featured programs to help inner city youth to become entrepreneurs.

General Electric Company described its "Town Meeting on Tomorrow" program which prepared young leaders for decision-making in tomorrow's free enterprise system.

There also was a presentation by Philadelphia Regional Introduction For Minorities to Engineering (PRIME), a Philadelphia area program which prepares minority youth for engineering and related fields.

Rev. Sullivan revealed that the seminar would be adapted for his national Convocation, with Pfizer Incorporated replacing the PRIME segment.

OIC employees and Washington, D.C. area community leaders will be invited to the seminar on Tuesday, June 12, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Sheraton-Park Hotel. It will be one of many events of the five-day Convocation which will be attended by major black leaders such as NAACP Executive Director Benjamin Hooks, Andrew Young and numerous government officials and industrial leaders.

Rev. Sullivan said, "It is especially appropriate for the Citizenship Seminar to be held at the OIC National Convocation because it contains a number of strong examples of the corporate social responsibility to the youth of our nation."

The OIC head said that during the convocation he planned to present President Carter with numerous signatures petitioning stronger national legislation to aid youth training programs such as OIC and others.

Spotted Fever Strike During Summer Months

Special to the Post

Spring and summer months are traditionally outdoor months for North Carolinians. They are also the months when most cases of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever strike. While the Tar Heel state is nowhere near the great western mountains it continues to claim the dubious distinction of leading the nation in the number of cases of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever.

In 1978, there were 204 cases of the tick-borne disease, down from 223 in 1977. However, the number of deaths from spotted fever jumped from four in 1977 to eleven in 1978, the highest since 1948 when twelve persons died.

So far this year six cases of the disease have been reported in North Carolina. But the season has just begun. It generally starts in March, peaks around mid-summer, and ends in the fall.

Rocky Mountain Spotted fever is an infectious disease passed on to man through the bite of an infected tick (in this part of the country it is the "American dog tick"). The

most likely candidates for the disease are young boys between the ages of five and fourteen.

If the tick is infected, symptoms of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever may occur within two weeks. The symptoms include chills, fever, headache, pains in the joints, and often a rash that starts on the hands and soles of the feet and spreads to the trunk. In severe cases the victim may go into a coma.

If these symptoms are present a visit to the doctor is a must. Left untreated, the disease can be fatal.

The reason Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever is such a problem in this state stems from the combination of the right kind of tick and the right kind of habitat. The "American dog tick" thrives in hickory, oak and pine forests. Unfortunately, this type of forest predominates in the Piedmont crescent, ranging from Raleigh to Charlotte. This is also the most populous area of the state.

While all ticks are not infected, any tick on the body should be removed very carefully. Never try to jerk the tick out

of the skin as this may leave part of the tick under the skin. The best way to remove ticks is with a pair of tweezers. If this does not work a drop of nail polish will. As the polish hardens it suffocates the tick and it is easily removed.

Charlotte Arts League Sets

League Sets Sidewalk Show

Art enthusiasts will have the opportunity to meet with artists, watch them work and view their paintings at the Charlotte Art League Sidewalk Show to be held on Saturday, June 2 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Foxcroft East Shopping Center in Charlotte. Demonstrations in various media, portrait sketches and paintings for sale will be featured at this event.

The Charlotte Art League holds monthly meetings open to the public and provides programs for artists who paint and those who wish to learn art appreciation.

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