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a massive Corps of three million, with every occupation represented, from bankers to plumbers, to housewives. This is probably unworkable because of the great cost and difficulty in recruiting. A second idea is a modification of this: a much smaller Corps of highly trained and experienced men, willing to serve at a sacrifice and who can really advance the cause of America. The third solution seems best to me. We could extend the foreign student program greatly. By training people from under developed nations to help themselves, we could have lifetime workers, instead of two-year men. A special cram course in English, along the lines of the Army language schools could prepare them for admission to regular schools here. For example, five native graduates of UNC's Institute of Government or N. C. State's School of Agriculture or Mineral Industries could be much more valuable to the Congo than 25 Peace Corps men digging a ditch.

Sure, underdeveloped nations want and need our help. But do they want a group of fuzzy-cheeked, inexperienced and unhappy youths? The general consensus of opinion is enthusiastic about the theory, but skeptical of the present program.

Donald Grubbs seems to think of me as a reactionary. Khrushchev blames the obstruction of world communism on capitalist reactionaries. If Mr. Grubbs, too, wishes to define a reactionary as one who is against communism, by any name, I'm proud to wear the label. As for exchanging alma maters; if he's as leftist as his letter indicate, he'd probably be happier at the University of Havana.

It's a shame that the Malayan undergraduate got such an unpleasant impression of the South. He reminds me a bit of an acquaintance of mine who has set himself up as an expert on Europe after a seventeen-day excursion. His most famous statement is, "Our guide in Paris was a typical Frenchman: a mustached, five-foot-two pervert."

**"Harvard Speaks"**

By W. H. von Dreele  
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Sing a song of sixpence  
With a Harvard "A".  
Castro isn't nasty;  
He's just gone astray.  
Please don't rattle sabers—  
Put that pistol down!  
Castro isn't Commie;  
Castro's just a clown.  
Don't be mean to Cuba—  
Don't abuse Fidel.  
When the clouds look stormy  
And you're feeling blue,  
Put your faith in Harvard

And the "Crimson" too.  
Harvard knows the score, Jack;  
Harvard's rating high  
As that hoary goody,  
The pie that's in the sky.

Next week the NEW Freedom  
Riders . . .

**— Letter —**

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attainment of these objectives. The Church sends missionaries to save lives and improve standards of living not where they are most needed to fight communism—but when they can best convert people to Christianity. To the Church the Kingdom of God is the goal—not necessarily the salvation of men from communism. We need our aid and policy directed centrally and the Peace Corps is a step in this direction.

Mr. Henry implies that the Corpsmen should be chosen according to their ability to depict communist infiltration and their ability to stop it. Kennedy's Corps, I submit, is not merely a reaction to communism. It is not an army or a riot squad sent into a country to quell rebellions or to foment rebellions of its own. Its purpose instead is to create a healthy and stable country with happy and secure people. Only then can there be an atmosphere conducive to democracy.

To understand this statement one must understand communist propaganda—their reason for success. The communists blame the misery and economic sterilization of underdeveloped countries on capitalistic domination and its corollary — economic bleeding. They say, "If you want to stop starving and if you want to see your country progress before your very eyes, follow our example. In 40 years we transformed Russia from a Czarism and a peasant serfdom into a contender for first place among world powers. Follow us and we will show you how, too." And the starving masses listen and react—it makes sense. Russia tells them, "America preaches capitalism and democracy, and yet you are still starving. Follow us and we will give you land and food and then lead you into an utopia and true democracy of the working peoples." They listen; it makes sense.

Kennedy is substituting action for talk. The Peace Corps, if supported and enlarged, will help to do away with Khrushchev's most sympathetic listener—the guy out of work and with no food and with no salvation in this life save Marxism and revolution—or perhaps the Peace Corps and peace.

—JOE DICKINSON

**— "Urgent Need" —**

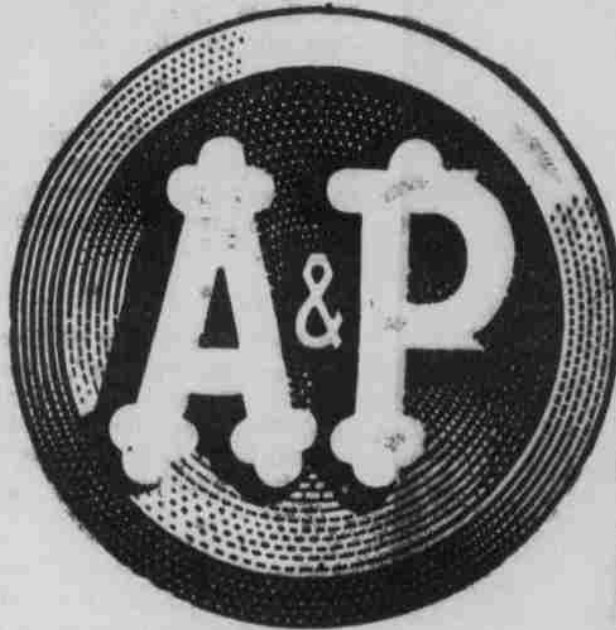
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year, perhaps as many as 700 by now. Smaller than the B-36, it looks like a bulky, overgrown Stratojet, and in most respects it really is an enlargement of the B-47. The B-52 carries eight Pratt and Whitney J-57 Turbo-Wasp jets, mounted in pads under sweptback wings, giving it a maximum speed near 700 mph. The range (fully loaded) exceeds 8,000 miles, the ceiling is well over 55,000 feet, and the latest variety, the B-52H, carries four Douglas "Skybolt" ballistic missiles.

Yet, for all its obvious merits, the B-52 suffered tragically under the last Administration. Production originally set for 30 per month, had dropped to four per month by the summer of 1956. Remedies were slow and half-efficient; at one time the entire B-52 fleet was grounded for lack of gasoline. At present we have less

than half the B-52 strength we could have had with sufficient funds; the planned B-52 airborne alert will have about 75 planes at its disposal (we ought to make 300 for this purpose); and the medium B-58 Hustler, supersonic replacement for the Stratojet, is in limited production.

All this points up the urgent need for the B-70. At its top speed and altitude, this remarkable aircraft could surely reach any target in the Soviet Union without danger of effective interception and the future of the U. S. may well hinge on this airplane. Russia is out to take us, by force or by infiltration; and if they think that force can do the job, they'll be quick to try it. A crash program for the B-70, with the goal of an assembled fleet by 1965, will surely give them cause to think twice and scratch their heads.



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