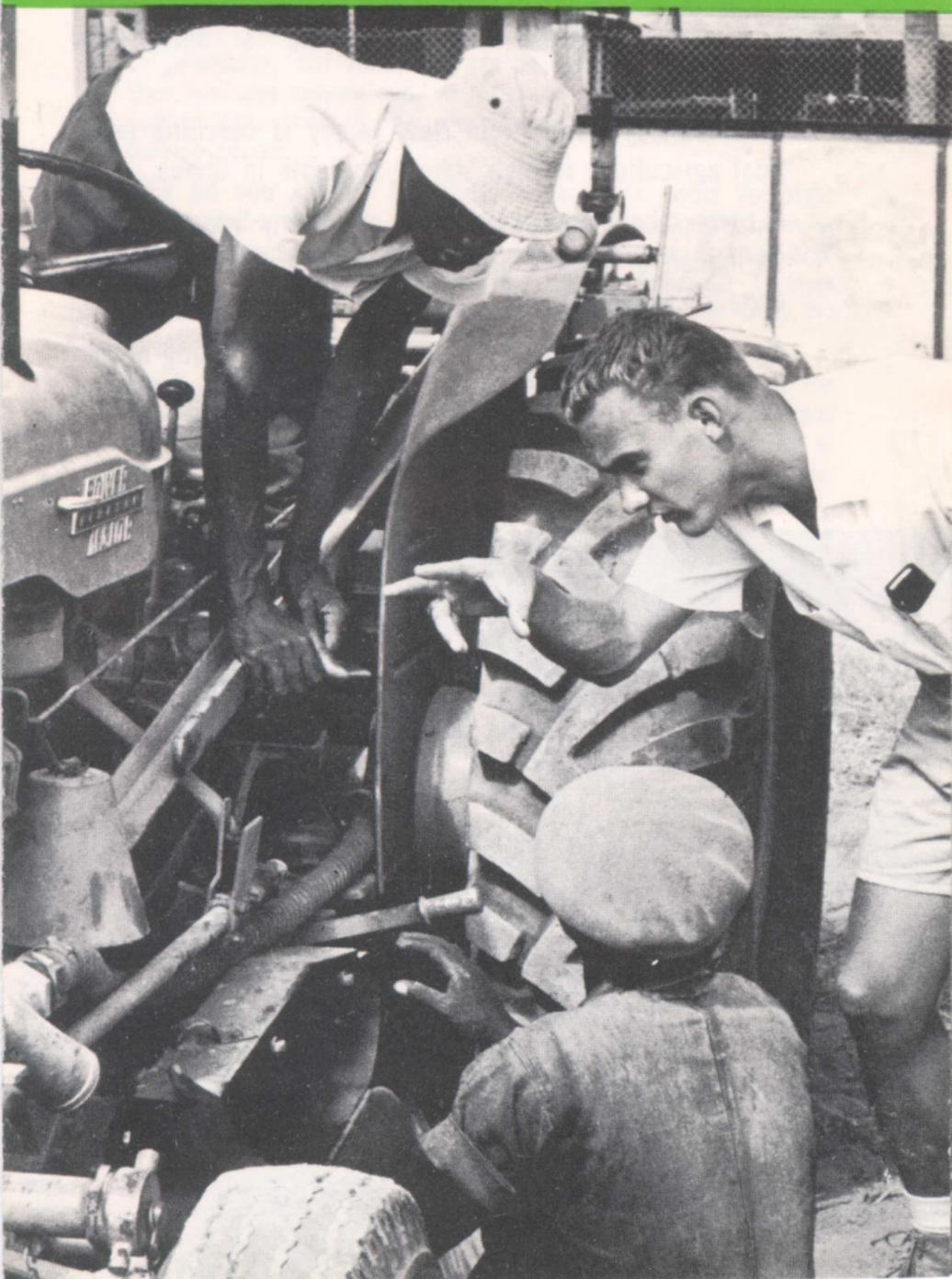


# **AGRICULTURE** **IN THE** **PEACE CORPS**



# WHY JOIN THE PEACE CORPS ?

"I've been sitting on the sidelines all my life watching the world go by and no one ever asked me to help," says a Montana wheat farmer who is now working for the Peace Corps in Sierra Leone. "The Peace Corps asked; that is why I'm here."

"Sure," says another Volunteer, a southern Negro agronomist who served as an officer in Korea and who won both the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star, "we have a lot of problems here at home, but I've been working with tenant farmers in the South and doing that, you learn a lot. This knowledge can be helpful to other people. That's why I joined the Peace Corps."

Peace Corps Volunteers with farming backgrounds — some of them college graduates, many of them not — are working around the world in an effort to help newly developing countries meet their need for agricultural know-how.

A forestry graduate from New Jersey is teaching practical agriculture to high school students in Ghana.

A home economist is working on a tiny island in the Caribbean — to help farmers' wives improve their knowledge of home-making.

An extension specialist from New York is teaching better methods of poultry breeding and production to a farmer in India.





A high school vo-ag graduate from Iowa is working with the villagers of Chile to grow cash crops.

These and scores of other men and women are already at work, but requests from other countries continue to mount. They provide opportunities for home economists, persons with farm backgrounds and 4-H and FFA experience, vegetable and livestock farmers, and agricultural specialists.

## FARM SKILLS NEEDED

Farmers with knowledge gained through experience, farm equipment mechanics, farm managers, specialists in such fields as agricultural extension, animal husbandry, tropical agriculture, agronomy, agricultural engineering, veterinary medicine . . . all are being requested.

A college degree is not required for many assignments. Jim Gregory, 22, of Longmont, Colorado, for example, completed one year of college. Today he is in Colombia, helping to build farm roads, upgrade livestock and improve cultivation techniques.

A farmer since boyhood, Jim was youth director for the State Grange in Colorado before becoming the first Grange applicant for the Peace Corps.

Jim writes from Colombia: "Agriculture is one of the greatest problems these people face. They plant with sticks and plow with oxen and poles, harvest by hand and use the wind to do their threshing . . . It may seem

futile that 62 Peace Corps Volunteers can have any effect on the conditions here . . . but we will try and try hard. It takes understanding, patience and hard work."

## VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES

In Ghana, George Coyne, a 1959 forestry graduate of Rutgers, is teaching "practical agriculture" to high school students.

In Pakistan, Dave Ivra of Memphis, Tennessee, is helping develop better seed strains. He holds degrees in agronomy from LeMoyne College and Tuskegee.

Mary Ellen Craig of Beech Grove, Indiana, who holds a B.S. degree in Home Economics from Purdue, is working in Chile, helping village women learn how to care for their children and families.

In India, Phil Snell, who grew up on a farm near Potsdam, New York, is helping farmers of the Punjab raise poultry. He teaches housing, feeding, disease prevention, production and marketing techniques.

These Peace Corps Volunteers live and work with the people, speak their language, and help them to help themselves. But the Volunteers are **learning** as well as teaching. They will come back to the United States with a unique and meaningful experience; they will know their fields; they will know a foreign country; they will know a foreign language; they will know the world. And they will be **better** citizens.

## QUALIFICATIONS

**GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS** for agricultural Volunteers include a skill needed by the host country, a minimum age of 18, sound health, emotional stability, maturity, willingness to work with other people . . . initiative . . . and a desire to serve.

There is no upper age limit. Married couples are eligible if they both qualify and have no dependent children under 18.

**Experience** is a prime requisite for farm Volunteers. Many of the specialists must have college degrees, but hundreds of requests have been made for general farmers . . . for people who "grew up with the land."

**INTENSIVE TRAINING** is provided Volunteers both in the U.S. and in the host countries. Some assignments require foreign language ability. But in most instances, you need not know a foreign language before applying for service. Language instruction is included in the training, along with studies in the history and culture of the country to which you are assigned.

**LENGTH OF SERVICE** is two years, including training. Volunteers receive allowances to cover food, clothing, housing, medical care and incidentals . . . plus a termination payment of \$1800 based on \$75 for each month of service.

**MILITARY SERVICE OBLIGATIONS** are not met through Peace Corps service. But Volunteers can be deferred for the period of their overseas service and, on returning home, could qualify for further deferment at the discretion of their local Selective Service Boards.

**HOW DO YOU APPLY?** By filling out a Peace Corps Volunteer Questionnaire, available from your Post Office, Congressman or Senator, Peace Corps Liaison Officers at colleges and universities, County Agents, Vocational Agriculture Teachers, Farmers Home County Supervisors, local farm organizations, or from the Peace Corps, Washington 25, D. C.

**WHEN SHOULD YOU APPLY?** Now! The need is urgent . . . the opportunities immediate. Scan the following list of agricultural opportunities and the countries where projects are underway or planned. There will be many other projects to meet the increasing requests for Agricultural Volunteers.





## NEEDS

### **ECUADOR**

Community Development  
Workers  
Agricultural Specialists

### **BRAZIL**

Agricultural Extension Workers  
General Farmers  
Home Economists  
4-H Club leaders

### **CHILE**

Home Economists  
Agricultural Extension Workers

### **PAKISTAN**

Agricultural Extension  
Specialists

### **GUATEMALA**

Marketing and Co-op Assistants  
Rural Development Workers

### **PERU**

Credit Cooperative Assistants

### **INDIA**

Agricultural Extension Workers

### **THAILAND**

Vocational Agriculture  
Instructors

### **BOLIVIA**

Dairy Farm Assistants  
General Farmers  
Irrigation Specialists

### **VENEZUELA**

Agricultural Extension Workers  
Home Economists  
General Farmers  
4-H Club Leaders  
Agricultural Specialists

### **ST. LUCIA**

Rural Development Workers  
Vegetable and  
Livestock Specialists

### **SOME SPECIAL SKILLS NEEDED:**

Agricultural Engineers  
Home Demonstration Workers  
Agronomists  
Animal Husbandmen  
Land Classification Specialists  
Plant Pathologists  
Plant Physiologists  
Poultry Husbandmen  
Soil Chemists  
Soil Physicists  
Dairy Husbandmen  
Rural Carpenters  
Entomologists  
Foresters  
Horticulture Teachers

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, WRITE**

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