

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS WORKSHOPS

(ED. NOTE: WHILE EVERYBODY IS TALKING ABOUT THE DILAPIDATED STATE OF OUR ENVIRONMENT JOHN MEIER IS DOING SOMETHING ABOUT IT! HIS EFFORTS WILL RECEIVE 100% SUPPORT OF THE LAS VEGAS ISRAELITE, J.T.)

The Nevada Environmental Foundation has offered to fund a series of Environmental Awareness Center monthly workshops at both campuses of the University of Nevada, it was announced by Foundation President John H. Meir.



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Meier, special consultant to President Nixon's Environmental Quality Advisory Committee, said the Las Vegas based Foundation is prepared to underwrite the assignment of five professors and 10 students on each campus to provide research and action problems in both Reno and Las Vegas.

Preliminary discussions relative to the program are currently underway with university officials, he said.

The program would in-

clude lectures at the workshops by nationally recognized authorities in specific fields of environment, Meier said.

Meier noted such a program would, in effect, concur with recent suggestions

of Dr. Lee A. Dubridge, presidential scientific adviser and secretary of the President's Environmental Quality Council. "The Nevada Environmental Foundation has, since its establishment, carefully considered participation of qualified professors and students, in a cross-section of departments at the university level, to obtain information for public use concerning air pollution, water contamination, pesticides, the population explosion, urban sprawl, delinquency and crime," Meier said.

Meier expressed deep interest in long-term training of future ecologists and environmental investigators. "I believe it essential that we find opportunities for youth in the expanding and increasingly complex environmental area," he said.

"Environmental awareness includes not only the biological area of 'ecology' as such," Meier said, "but

many other areas of urban, rural and wildlife environment. Higher education increasingly will be involved in dealing with a broad field of environmental problems through programs of work experience for students."

The Environmental Awareness Center workshops would be planned by qualified experts in the fields of physical, biological, behavioral and social sciences. Each of the five areas would be under the direction of a professor, assisted by two student interns funded by the Nevada Environmental Foundation to spend 20 hours per month investigating community

"I am eager to involve the best talents of a multidisciplinary group of specialists, assisted by a select group of student investigators and activists, to seek practical solutions to environmental problems of Nevada," Meier said.

The Nevada Environmental Foundation is currently engaged in research and investigation of Nevada's ecological problems, including a comprehensive study of the copper industry, and catalytic studies of the Lake Mead Wash following an earlier Meier Report prepared for the Greater Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce.

The Foundation is supported by a wide spectrum of sponsors who believe in the importance of solving environmental problems before they become acute.

"The time lag between scientific solutions and their being put into effect is too great," Meier said. "Action is needed now to formulate constructive, workable solutions to identifiable problems of pollution."

Meier expressed belief the Foundation's proposed university program could be a pilot project in permanently establishing Environmental Awareness Centers on both campuses of the University of Nevada to contribute know-how and expertise in solving basic community problems.

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AJC URGES CLARIFICATION OF U.S. PROPOSALS

NEW YORK....The American Jewish Committee urged the United States Government to "make clear that the repeated Soviet rejection of American proposals for the settlement of the Middle East conflict will not prompt the United States to present new proposals yielding to Arab and Soviet demands," according to Phillip E. Holloman, Committee President.

This was one three points included in position paper approved by the AJC's policy-making Board of Governors.

The paper also called on the United States "to reaffirm the principle that a viable settlement must be based upon a firm and formal commitment by the parties to peace with each other, and that the terms of the agreement can only be negotiated by these parties."

"to demonstrate our nation's commitment to the sovereignty and security of

Israel by prompt action to meet her request for urgently needed military and economic assistance."

Pointing out that the United States had presented a series of proposals to the recent two-power and four-power talks on the Middle East, and that each of these proposals had been rejected

Rogers Policy Ok?

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- The United States new Middle East policy was "fair and balanced" and this was why it was opposed by Israel, the Arabs and the Soviet Union, U.S. Secretary of State William P. Rogers said. In a copyrighted interview on U.S. Soviet relations in the "last 12 months" said that while Moscoe had accepted and then rejected U.S. proposals on the Mideast, Washington still was making every effort to bring about a peaceful settlement that included Israeli withdrawal from the occupied lands.

by the Soviet Union, the Committee declared that these proposals, together with recent statements by Secretary of State William P. Rogers, "may will lead the Arabs to believe that if they remain intransigent, the Great Powers will eventually impose a settlement on Israel without requiring the Arab states to make a genuine peace."

The Committee also took note of a statement made by Secretary Rogers last month to the effect that there is "no linkage" between Israel's request for additional economic and military aid. "American aid to Israel becomes all the more urgent," the Committee declared, "in the light of the announcement that France has agreed to supply large quantities of Mirage jets and tanks to Libya and substantial quantities of arms to Iraq -- two states militantly hostile to Israel -- while continuing its embargo on arms shipments to Israel.

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