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Propose New Concept To Reduce Juvenile Crime

WASHINGTON--A top Labor Department spokesman has urged the Nation's juvenile court judges to make greater use of the Nation's disadvantaged youths in improving and expanding the output of their own courts.

In an address before the National Council of Juvenile Court Judges, meeting at Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, Jack Howard, Administrator of the Bureau of Work Programs, suggested that disadvantaged youths who appear before the judges could be "probationed" to the Neighborhood Youth Corps and then reassigned to work training positions within the juvenile court system.

HOWARD SAID this could be done through the establishment of a national Court Cadet Program which would act as a "double-edged sword" in cutting down the constantly increasing juvenile crime rate. "These cadets," continued Howard, "would

"These cadets," continued Howard, "would not only be performing a necessary and useful function for the courts, but would be receiving important work training skills which could form the foundation of a future stable work life in our society."

He noted that an important plus in the whole program concept is that the youths would be working with and supervised by the very same people who, "perhaps a few days before, they had looked upon as their "enemy." "These cadets could improve and expand

"These cadets could improve and expand court services by relieving your professional staffs from many tasks, while at the same time gain valuable insights into the law and the necessity for the law.

"They could serve as assistant counselors or court "buddies" to youths who have been arrested or who are on probation; as neighborhood workers in helping to prevent delinquency and in visiting correctional institutions or "half-way" houses where they could assist in the planning of rehabilitation programs for youths ready for parole.

HOWARD WHOSE Bureau administers the Neighborhood Youth Corps in addition to three other natidnal anti-poverty programs, cited

More Adults Needed For Disneyland Trip

Doolittle Recreation Center's Happy Hour Senior Citizens Variety Club will duplicate its May 20 jaunt to Disneyland on Saturday, August 12 when the group's chartered bus will depart from Doolittle Center Saturday morning for Disneyland and return that night.

For the trip last May, the Senior Citizens Club extended an invitation through the VOICE to adults in the community to join them on the trip to insure a full busload. The response was great and the trip afforded everyone so much pleasure, the group is enthusiastic about making the jaunt again. Interested adults who would like to make

Interested adults who would like to make the August 12 junket may obtain all necessary information by calling Doolittle Recreation Center--385-1221, Ext. 364. After 5 p.m., call 385-1228.

Detroit, Newark and Paterson, N.J., as cities which have NYC-sponsored police cadet programs as examples of how such a program could work.

He said youths in these programs are trained for careers in public safety at the same time they gain insight into the law and the philosophy behind it. Their assistance frees regular policemen to concentrate full-time on professional community protection.

"The ideal program for youth," the Administrator continued, "gives them an alternative to crime. It improves their chances of finding satisfying work. It allows them to participate in community activities. It gives them a better understanding of their government and of the law."

Since its inception in 1964, the Neighborhood Youth Corps has given young people that alternative through locally sponsored work experience and training projects.

DURING THE recent racial disturbances in Tampa, Florida, 51 NYC enrollees and alumni formed a nucleus of 136 youths who volunteered their services for "White Hat" peace patrols.

City Officials To-Meet With Local Youth

George Lawson of the Neighborhood Youth Corps has issued a call for all community youth to meet with City officials Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room at Doolittle Recreation Center.

The meeting is hoped to establish communications between the young people and officials to the extent that grievances may be aired and a commitment from officials may be obtained for immediate and meaningful resolution of existing problems in West Las Vegas.

ATTENDING THE meeting will be Mayor Oran Gragson, Las Vegas City Manager Art Trelease, City Personnel Director Bob McPherson, City Recreation Director Donald Payne, and Police Chief Loren Bunker.

It is expected that areas of discussion will include recreation and employment and it is believed that officials who head the various departments of city government are prepared to meet demands necessary to relieve employment and recreational problems.

Lawson urges all who wish to participate in . a fruitful and positive effort to alleviate the ills of the community to make a special effort to attend Thursday's meeting and give full expression to their views and suggestions.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

THE INTERAGENCY Board of U.S. Civil Service Examiners in Las Vegas has open announcements for Physical Science Aid & Technicians, GS-4 through GS-7. The salary for these positions is \$4776 through \$6451 per year. The U.S. Public Health Service, Radiological Health Laboratory, located on the Southern Nevada University campus anticipates eight vacancies in the near future in physical science positions.

For further information and application forms may be obtained from the Personnel Offices Radiological Laboratory 4505 Maryland Parkway, telephone 736-2969 or the Las Vegas Office, Interagency Board of U.S. Civil Service Examiners, 525 South 13th Street, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101.

