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Plans For Peace Corps Move Ahead

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The new director of President Kennedy’s proposed Peace Corps, R. Sargent Shriver, announced plans early this week to send the first volunteers overseas by October. In a press conference held Monday, Shriver indicated that plans are now being drawn up for the program’s inauguration by early summer with a three to four month training program in six or twelve colleges here in the United States to be followed by a two year period of service abroad.

Dr. Lawrence E. Dennis of Penn State arrived in Washington Tuesday to set up the training program. The training period will probably run from June to September and include language training and briefings by nationals from the countries which will receive volunteers.

THE VOLUNTEERS must be at least eighteen years old. They will receive no salary but will be provided with allowances to provide “an appropriate standard of living in the country in which they serve together with a retirement bonus of $50 to $75 a month for each month of service.

The corps headquarters, under the direction of Columbia’s Neustadt, author of the influential Presidential Power, Politics of Leadership and organizer of the Food for Peace program, is working now on application forms for the volunteers.

SHRIVER announced that 10-12 foreign countries had indicated interest in making use of the program as soon as the applications could be processed and training completed. Volunteers are needed in the fields of teaching and agriculture, as well as a large number of related areas.

Lt. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, director of the Selective Service System, has indicated that he believed that peace corps volunteers who served for two years would be eligible for additional deferment from military service. In addition, plans are being made to provide returning peace corps members with prospects for a good job. A four-man commission including representatives from labor, industry, government and education has volunteered to develop such possibilities.