FLF Pioneers Now In Field After Training

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FLF pioneer selling a copy of The Rising Tide at Georgetown University

The appointment of twelve full-time FLF organizers in major U.S. cities has recently been made.

The new staff members and their cities are: Jerry King, Boston; Michael Herbers, New York; Ralph Ausman, Philadelphia; Bruce Williams, Washington, D.C.; David Oberst, Atlanta; Robert MacWilliams, Miami; William Wells, Chicago; Dallas Stafford, St. Louis; Brian Parks, Houston; Kurt Herman, Seattle; Scott Ferch, San Francisco; and Peter Yeung, Los Angeles.

Prior to their assignment all twelve underwent a three-week training program at Barrytown to qualify them as lecturers. Mr. Takeshi Furuta gave them basic lectures in Victory Over Communism theory, other FLF staff members discussed contemporary problems.

Members of the French and Italian chapters of the International Federation for Victory over Communism also attended the training program, after which they returned to their own countries. On November 4 the trainees left from New York to begin their activities. In addition to delivering the lectures, their activities will include contacting civic, religious and patriotic organizations in their cities on behalf of FLF.

In conjunction with the training of twelve new FLF organizers, the Freedom Leadership Foundation conducted a four-day campaign of public lectures, street rallies and sales of The Rising Tide from October 28 to October 31 in Washington D. C.

Three teams of four members each worked at George Washington University, Georgetown University, and in downtown Washington emphasizing the struggle for human rights under Communist regimes and the need for an ideological victory over Communism.

Among the student bodies as a whole, the response was better than expected, according to program coordinator Lorenzo Gaztanaga. "Especially at Georgetown," he said, "We were amazed at the number of students who were glad to see someone come out against Communism. "A better response had been expected among the working people in the downtown shopping district, but as it turned out the students responded just as well as did the older generation."

Also during their stay in Washington the trainees attended a reception on Capitol Hill and received briefings on domestic radical groups, the strategic arms balance, the confrontation between Communism and democracy from both a historical and geopolitical perspective, and similar topics from Washington area authorities.