

## THE PIONEERS' PROGRESS

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REPORT FROM THE NORTHERN BUS

Cheyenne, Wyoming

"Our activities included singing at Laramie Community College, which is a small campus of five hundred students. Three people from LCC attended the lectures, one of whom has heard all three. We also had an invitation to perform before four Christian youth groups in Pine Bluffs on Sunday evening. There was a wonderful fellowship, and already one of the young members has heard the first lecture. Thursday morning the entire bus team went to radio KRAE and were individually interviewed, lasting approximately forty-five minutes. It was also a very positive experience....

On our first Friday in Cheyenne we left for Laramie to teach five conclusions, beginning at ten. We were on the road by 8:30 and expected to arrive in Laramie in about an hour. However, as we were crossing a pass 8,000 feet above sea level, we encountered a grave problem. The highway which was clear 100 yards behind us now seemed to be covered with snow. The bus began to swerve. Joseph did his best to keep in control. He turned against the slide -- we avoided a guardrail and a sharp drop-off to our left. The bus slid to the right. Joseph handled the wheel. I heard someone say something about God. No screams -- just the calm presence of Father. The seconds passed as minutes. We slid toward a wall of a cliff. The bus caught in soft soil. It swept toward the wall, tipping to the left, then stopped. We had gone in a 180 degree angle, now facing the direction in which we had just come. It was over. No one was severely injured -- Kathy French had bruised her shinbone. Within the next half hour we got the bus back on the road and had reached the campus to keep our appointments. Once more we left Satan to the dust of our bus!"

~~REPORT FROM THE SOUTHERN BUS~~

~~Austin, Texas~~

"On April 24 there were two rallies, Rally for God and an anti-war rally on campus at the same time. The locations were close together, and each side was aware of what the other was doing. The anti-war rally occupied the Main Mall of the University Administration Building, while our Rally for God was on the West Mall of the same building. They had a few hundred participants. Ours had few crowds, but more powerful voices, singing, and speeches, which overwhelmed the other rally's crowd and meeting place. Fortunately the two speakers of our sound system worked very well, and every word could be heard among the people attending the anti-war rally.... Perry's voice, in speeches and singing, over-powered the crowd, and swallowed up the other rally's atmosphere. John Doroski had set up a large booth in the rally area, with excellent signs and posters (made by John Schuhart) which attracted many students during our rally. Especially the New Age songs brought a wonderful new atmosphere th the existing environment. Up to the pre sent, no other group even dared to challenge the communist-inspired rallies or any radical movements

in the past on this campus. Our several speakers emphasized that destructive behavior, like their rally, is not the answer, and to come to us to find the real solution. "

#### MARIE ANG REPORTS:

Denver "...Although I was scheduled to leave yesterday morning, I didn't leave till last night so I could see the newest little blessed baby -- Trenner Eric Rapkins! He's slightly bigger than Davy was at birth, with a peaches and cream complexion. When I saw him he was just a couple of hours old and was lying there, just snoozing away in "blessed baby heaven!" The baby next to him cried a lot. Needless to say, Carl and Linna are really full of joy...it's so beautiful."

Cheyenne "What a difference to visit Centers that have felt the impact of the bus team! While I was in Billings, Elly Dockter joined the family. She's 22 and a really good girl. In Cheyenne and Laramie, there are several potential members. As soon as Maureen finds a house, she'll be moving to Laramie where people seem to be much more open to the Principle."

#### BETSY JONES REPORTS:

Portsmouth "The first night I arrived, six people came to dinner who were later going with us to the campus for lectures. Joe's program of an ad in the college paper and a lecture series every Tuesday night on campus worked out well. Eight people were there to hear the conclusion. It was really wonderful to teach them. The next night they all came over to the Center at the end of May to study the Principle more deeply."

Boston "We had a one-day workshop which turned out to be a "mini Level II" experience because the two girls who attended had heard all of the Principle before. They both left very positive and we all felt uplifted by the day. There are several interested high school students in Lexington, so Bunny is thinking about holding weekly meetings there for them to participate in as well as at the Center. Bunny and Nancy are living at the Center. Joe Howe and Sato come on weekends. Bill Blake plans to go to New York for two weeks after school in June."

New Haven "Things seem ready to go here in New Haven. Besides John, Valerie Weber is here. She had heard Principle last year in New Haven and has been strongly hanging on until John arrived. She's very eager to participate and plans to move in in June. Last night we taught Chapter I on Yale campus. Three people attended and all are coming back. "

Trenton "Lorenzo is located about ten minutes from downtown. The center is almost finished, being remodeled by the landlord. One afternoon we witnessed and met a fellow sitting on the grass near downtown. Lorenzo taught him Chapters I and II. His wife came along in the middle, and I taught her I and II. A few others are coming back this week."

#### NEW MEMBERS -- Applications have been received from:

George Glass (New Orleans) George has a bachelor's degree in biology and is an office manager. He has a Roman Catholic background and was attracted to the

Principle by its logic.

Richard and Memory Pate (Raleigh) have Roman Catholic backgrounds and were attracted by the Principle's confirmation of their own ideas. They heard Principle at Bill Torrey's New Life Lecture Series at North Carolina State University.

TED CASTEN suggests that pioneers keep scrapbooks of missionary activities, including press releases and newspaper articles about the Day of Hope lectures and other pioneers. (See recent NAF's.) Community leaders may be interested to see something like this.

LOUISE BERRY (Washington) "I'm very grateful to be able to serve the national movement by working on the Pioneers' Progress. I'm really excited about our new work. You can help me by sending in reports -- any sort you like -- to me and/or designating sections of your monthly reports which can be used for the Pioneers' Progress. I may also use practical suggestions which you send to Keith. I will check with you before I use any other material. Everyone really wants to know how you are doing. Your cooperation and suggestions are greatly appreciated."

#### DIANE FERNSLER REPORTS:

Madison "It was in Madison that I first glimpsed the 60 day period. Patti was just getting started in the work in Madison when she was suddenly hospitalized (with an inflamed vein.) She is full of good cheer, enduring her unmerited trouble. Patti's mother came to help and is taking over where Patti had to leave off. We may be struck, but we'll come through, acting as one united body."

KEITH COOPERRIDER "Congratulations to IW's Becky Salonen, Betsy Jones, Diane Fernsler, and Marie Ang on completing your first tours. I know that all the State Representatives will join me in saying that you have been doing a tremendous job. Also, congratulations to Hillie Edwards for finishing your school commitment, and welcome to the role of IW. She has just begun her tour in the Southern states.

The next major step in our national work is the sending out of new Pioneers and the reorganization of the mobile units in July. The current plan is to send out most of the people in 10 or 12 new vans; the remainder will become Assistant State Representatives. A training session will be held in Washington beginning July 9 to prepare people for the new pioneer positions. Training will include witnessing, teaching, selling, raising spiritual children, and leading. The session will be attended by the new Pioneers and the members of the two bus teams. In order for the buses to arrive in Washington in time for the training session, yet still reach all of their scheduled cities, the length of their visit in each city will be shortened. At first we planned to start the training on July 1st, and the new itineraries were sent to some State Representatives based on this data. With further thought, we decided to begin on July 9, so that the 60 day period will have been completed. I have included the itineraries to reflect the new schedules. These are tentative -- you will be informed of any changes. We can appreciate that these new schedules may have caught you by surprise and will cause alterations in your

plans. Please use your creativity and perseverance to overcome any obstacles that you may encounter as a result of the changes. The itineraries as of June 3 are

<u>Mobile Unit #1</u>	<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Leave</u>
Sioux Falls	6/2	6/5
Fargo	6/6	6/9
Minneapolis	6/10	6/13
Madison	6/14	6/17
Chicago	6/18	6/21
Indianapolis	6/22	6/25
Detroit	6/26	6/29
Columbus	6/30	7/3
Charleston	7/4	7/7

Mobile Unit #2

New Orleans	6/1	6/4
Birmingham	6/5	6/8
Louisville	6/9	6/12
Atlanta	6/13	6/16
Miami	6/18	6/21
Columbia	6/23	6/26
Raleigh	6/27	6/30
Richmond	7/1	7/4

New phones have been installed in our National Headquarters office. All business calls to Headquarters should be to (202) 726-1724.

Colin McAndrew, a professional in applying a systems approach to education, recently spent two days at Headquarters. He is being consulted on ways to make areas of our work, especially the workshops, more effective.