Peace Corps accepting Montana applications

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An appeal for Montana applicants for the Peace Corps was issued today by Dr. Vedder M. Gilbert, chairman of the Montana State University English Department and campus Peace Corps representative.

A 1961 MSU alumnus, Edward L. Tisch of West Shokan, N. Y., is currently serving as a corpsman in Chile, and several Montanans have applications pending, Dr. Gilbert noted.

He said the corps needs volunteers in a wide variety of occupations to begin training this summer for assignments in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

The greatest demand is for elementary and secondary teachers in all subjects. Also urgently needed are skilled workers, such as mechanics, plumbers, electricians and construction workers. The corps has also received requests for trained personnel in health sciences, agriculture, forestry, engineering, social work, home economics and other fields.

Some fluency in French is required of teachers assigned to Tunisia, Gabon, Ivory Coast and Togo, Dr. Gilbert said. Some knowledge of Spanish is desirable for workers sent to Latin America.

Volunteers must be at least 18 years old. There is no upper age limit. Married couples are eligible if both husband and wife qualify and if they have no dependents under 18. Corpsmen receive a living allowance plus a termination payment of $75 for each month served.

Applicants should submit questionnaires by April 1 and take the placement test April 21. Those accepted will be given training in the United States this summer.

Details about the program are available from Dr. Gilbert at the University, Missoula, and at local post offices, from U. S. senators and congressmen and from the Peace Corps, Washington 25, D. C.

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