



for the Study of Democratic Institutions / The Fund for the Republic, Inc.

7 August 1979

PROGRAM PROFILE: ACADEMIC YEAR 1979-80

Major Objectives

1. to develop sustained inquiry and research on the subjects identified within the major program themes
2. to identify some specific subject areas which can be clarified, illumined, or assisted by the distinctive strengths of the Center
3. to provide a forum for scholars, thinkers, and researchers, particularly at those times and stages within the process of inquiry when they are most excited, enthusiastic, or even bewildered regarding the interpretation of data they have uncovered
4. to locate those points and places within the democratic process wherein intellectual leadership and creativity can make a difference to the outcome
5. to make the original vision of the Center integral to the intellectual life of a dynamic campus community, to the strengthening and edification of each

Large Conference Subjects

1. The Vitality of America's Cities

Purpose: to bring scholars and resource persons together from various fields of endeavor (city planners, administrators, mayors, urban design scientists, urban historians, estheticians, HUD officials, et al) to address some of the following questions: how do cities maintain vitality? why do some continue to live and some die? if the city is an organism, upon what does the organism feed and what keeps organic coordination dynamic? why are cities necessary to civilization? to human survival? to what extent does the vitality of cities depend upon judicious use of space and time? why do some cities burgeon (e.g. Florence, Vienna, London, San Francisco)? the place of style and taste? the relation of urban to rural to suburban? traffic patterns

Resource Persons: Neil Goldschmidt (outgoing Mayor of Portland, Oregon, incoming Secretary of Transportation); William May, University of Indiana (author of "The Humanities and the Civic Self"); Gail Thomas, Director, Center for Civic Leadership,

University of Dallas; Paul Wheatley, School of Urban Studies, University of Chicago; David Carrasco, University of Colorado (historian of religions, author of studies of Aztec cities); Ralph E. Peterson, Pastor, St. Peter's Church, Manhattan; other mayors, city officials, federal administrators, etc.

Occasion: President Carter's Urban Policy Statement

2. The Quality of American Health Care

Purpose: to bring scholars, resource persons, practitioners, and others together to discuss American health care practices, government's role in the same, the pros and cons of national health insurance, the state of the country's health and general well-being, et al.

Resource Persons: We have been working closely with Dr. George Scott, Chief of Staff, Cottage Hospital, who has put us in touch with local persons interested in the subject. Before making definite arrangements for a conference, we will seek cooperative assistance from HEW and NIH.

Occasion: the national debate about health care

3. The Impact of Vietnam (Follow-up Conference)

Background: Based upon our success in the original conference on this subject, we wish to engage in sustained inquiry. Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., writes that the interpretation of "the impact of Vietnam" is just now in its earliest first-draft stage, and that the interpretative process will continue for at least the next five years. The Center has taken the initiative in this respect, and desires to provide a forum for persons wrestling with the issue. A proposal for extra-mural funding will be submitted soon to the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Dialogue Sessions Planned

1. "On Punishment and Suffering" -- Professor Herbert Fingarette
2. "Healing, Catharsis, and Ritual" -- Professor Thomas Scheff *Sgt 28*
3. Social-Scientific Approaches to Education (not exact title) -- Dr. Joseph Schwab
4. "Non-Academic Employment of Ph.D's" -- Dr. Lewis Solmon, Executive Director, Higher Education Research Institute *Sgt 26*

7 August 1979

page 3

Other Events Contemplated

1. A Series on "Intellectual Leadership" perhaps involving the directors of private and federal extra-mural funding agencies (and others)
2. A Mini-Conference on "revised meanings of athletics" (including discussion of the professionalization of sport, the place of athletics in education, changing women roles by virtue of changes in conceptions of athletics, et al)

NEH
↑
Dobby Cotton
C Rockwell

My Own Priorities

1. to locate secure funding for long-range projects
2. to maintain national and international connections Center has previously enjoyed
3. to get "tapped in" in Washington on projects having to do with national priorities

WTC