

THE DELTA-PACE PROJECT
Pace, Mississippi

The Delta-Pace Human Development Project is the 17th in a series of 24 such projects in 20 nations around the world. Each is a demonstration of comprehensive, citizen-based social and economic development which fosters self-initiative, self-confidence and self-sustenance on the part of the entire community. The communities selected to participate in this global band of villages, Towns and urban neighborhoods demonstrate economic and social poverty, are largely forgotten by others, and lack the trained leadership necessary to release their human and natural potential. But of far greater importance, each of these communities has directly expressed its readiness to work intensely and cooperatively to create a new future that will be a sign of possibility to many others.

These human development projects have been initiated by the Institute of Cultural Affairs, a non-profit, tax-exempt association of people concerned with the rebuilding of local communities. Institute projects are funded through grants and contributions from a wide variety of both private and public sources. ICA staff members work as volunteers and receive a subsistence stipend plus food and housing, and become residents in the project community.

Participation in the project has been strongly endorsed by the Town of Pace. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen unanimously adopted a resolution at their regular meeting on December 7, 1976, inviting the ICA to work with the community, and this action was ratified by a public meeting on December 10. Support has been offered by Mississippi Governor Cliff Finch and various business and political leaders throughout Bolivar County and the Delta.

The project will be launched with an initiating Consultation on February 20-26, 1977, to be held in Pace with 70 volunteer consultants from a variety of business and professional backgrounds joining with an equal number of townspeople for the 6-day planning session. A comprehensive series of 12 to 18 economic and community programs, developed during the Consult, will be implemented immediately thereafter. ICA staff will train community residents to assume full responsibility for all phases of the project in the first year. The demonstration will be completed by the end of the second year.

Contributions are now being secured to underwrite the project budget through the first three months, January to March, 1977. Longer term funding will be built around the project programs and will be sought especially from foundations, corporations and established State and Federal sources.

"DELTA PACE VOICE"
TITLE: BIRTHPANGS OF DELTA PACE

This, our presentation week for the "DELTA PACE VOICE", is intended to inform and enlighten all citizens of Pace and the surrounding area as to our actual intent for preparation for our Week Consult on February 20-26, 1977. Below is a list of the participating committees and their invitations to you and requests for your help in making this Week Consult really beneficial for our Town and you, our citizens who make up the Town.

WELCOMING COMMITTEE:

We, the members of the welcoming committee on behalf of the citizens of Pace, would like to welcome everyone to our Town. During the week of February 20-26, 1977, we are planning a week of activities which will begin with a reception on Sunday February 20, 1977 at the Pace Consult Center.

Souvenirs will be given to everyone who attends. Please come and see what Pace has to offer.

Thank you,
THE WELCOMING COMMITTEE

DECORATION COMMITTEE:

The decorating committee has begun its enormous task. This committee will be responsible for decorating the Consult Center and several other facilities that will be used for the week-long event; and for the preparation of posters, banners, and name tags. Anyone desiring to work on the committee should contact Nina Gibson at the Pace House or Gail Towers at 723-6314. Anyone willing to help will be appreciated.

~~RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE:~~

The recruitment committee will be meeting Monday, January 31, 1977 at 5:00 p.m. at the Pace Headstart Center to complete a registration form in order to get our citizens registered to attend the week-long Consult in February. This committee is also responsible for arrangements for activity for small children while the parents attend the Consult.

CONSULT CENTER TEAM (C.C.T.):

The C. C. T. will be responsible for preparing the Consult Center. We are in need of building materials to prepare the Consult Center, (i.e., electrical wiring, light sockets, big trucks, experienced persons in carpentry, plumbing, wiring and electrical work). We need these materials and workers by 8:00 a.m. Saturday, January 29, 1977. We are requesting approximately twenty (20) able-bodied men to aid in tearing down old building, whose lumber will be used to repair the Consult Center. This meeting will be held at the Town Hall. Please bring tools. C. P. House Gas Co. is investigating to determine the type of heating needed for the Consult Center. James Frazier is checking the wiring, Delta Hardware is donating \$150.00, Lloyd Brown of the Civil Defense will be looking for tables and chairs. David Washington will supply a truck for hauling lumber. The County Supervisors, lead by Raymond Barr, are preparing parking areas. We express our sincere thanks to those mentioned above and all others not mentioned.

RESOURCE COMMITTEE:

The resource committee will distribute a newsletter weekly of this sort, beginning Friday, January 28, 1977 and each Friday thereafter prior to the Week Consult on Feb. 20-26, 1977. Beginning January 29, 1977 each citizen is urged to begin cleaning around their houses and yards. We encourage this practice to be continued. February 19, 1977 has been declared as "DELTA PACE CLEAN-UP, FIX-UP DAY." All citizens of Pace are encouraged to participate that day. There will be a public meeting at Pace Elem. School Friday, Jan. 29, 1977 at 6:00 p.m. to further prepare and plan for the Consult. Please contact committee chairmen of each committee you would like to pledge support.