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AT THE
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**OCTOBER 18, 1975
Bloom Township High School**



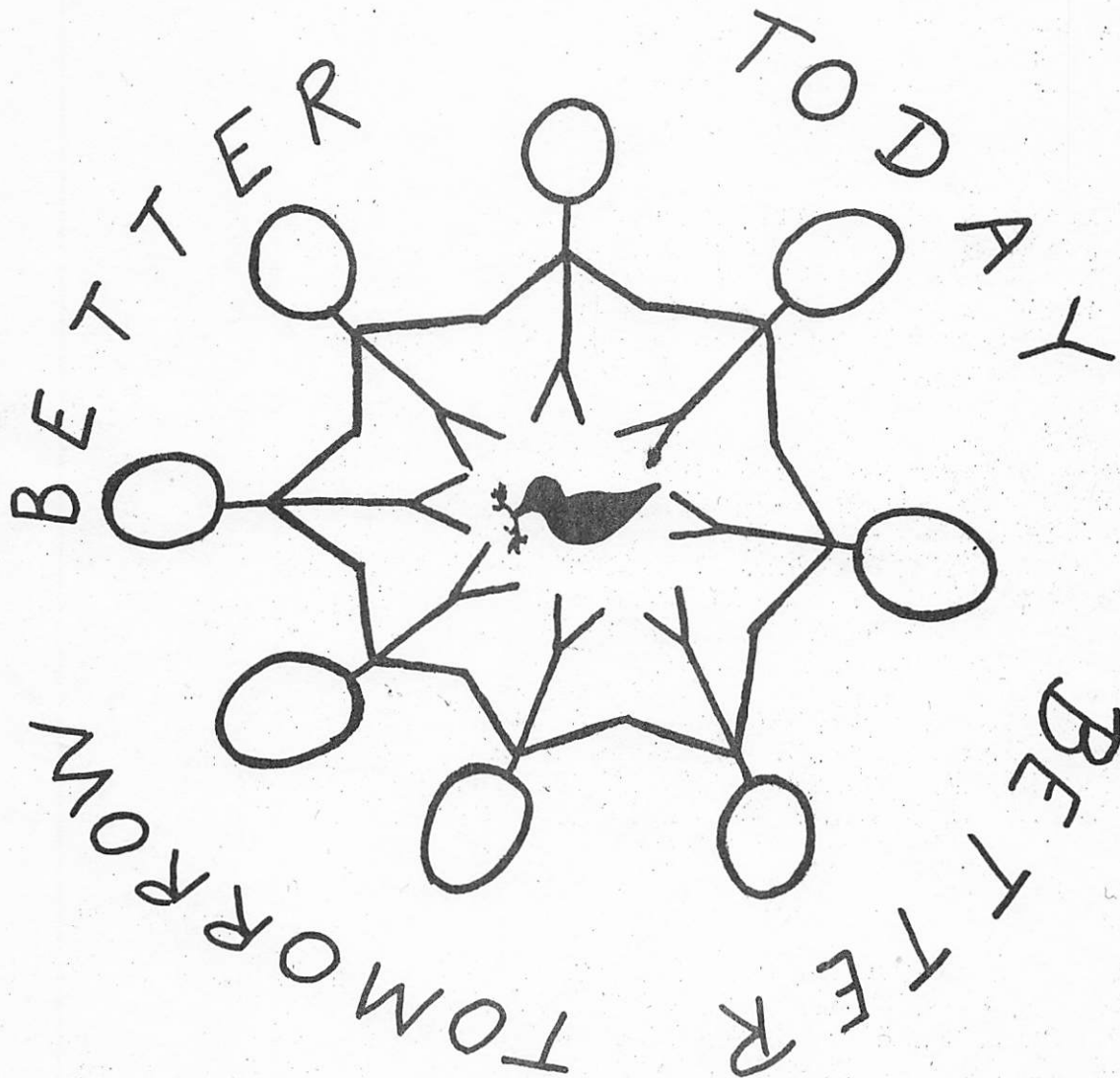
It is vain, sir, to extenuate the matter. The gentlemen may cry, Peace, peace! but there is no peace. The war has actually begun! The next gale that sweeps from the north will bring to our ears the clash of resounding arms! Our brethren are already in the field! Why stand here idle? What is it that the gentlemen wish? What would they have? Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God. I know not what course other may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!

Patrick Henry

What country before ever existed a century and a half without a rebellion? ...The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants.

Thomas Jefferson

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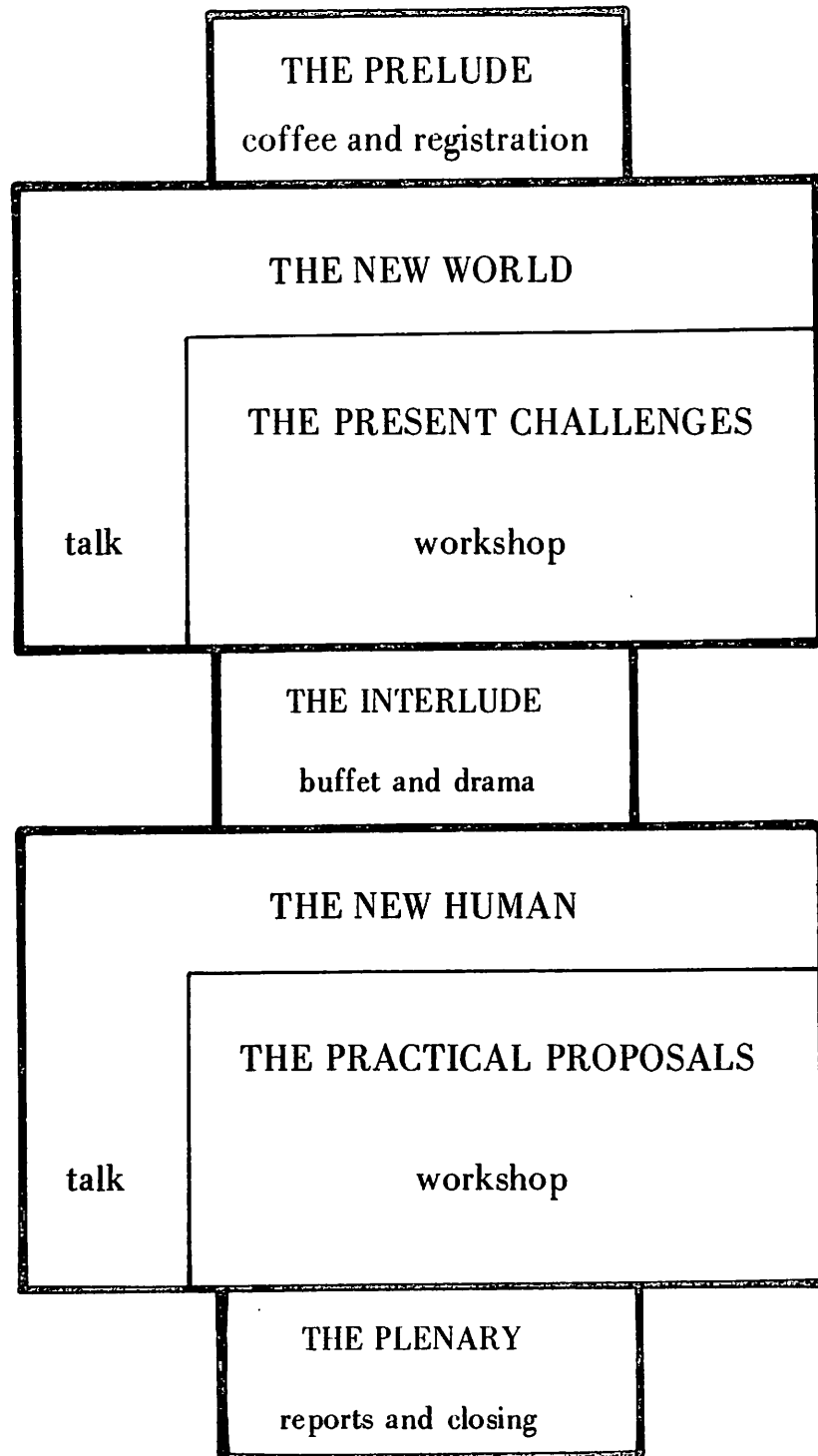
When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. That, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that, whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute a new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness. . .

We, therefore, the representatives of the United States of America, in general Congress assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the name, and by the authority of the good people of these colonies, solemnly publish and declare, that these united colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent states; that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the state of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved; and that, as free and independent states, they have full power to levy war, conclude peace, contract alliances, establish commerce, and to do all other acts and things which independent states may of right do. And, for the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honour.

Declaration of Independence, 1776

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The Present Challenges

Session One

THE ECONOMIC CHALLENGES

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CHALLENGE 1 SOCIAL, MORAL, FINANCIAL, RESPONSIBILITY	SENTENCE IN THE ARENA OF SOCIAL, MORAL, AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY THE UNDERLYING CHALLENGE IS TO CREATE A SENSE OF PURPOSEFUL RESPONSIBILITY WHICH HAS TO DO WITH RESPECT FOR LAW AND ORDER, COORDINATED CIVIC, STATE AND NATIONAL PLANNING, TRAFFIC CONTROL (AND PARKING FACILITIES) AND CITIZEN ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSIBILITY.
CHALLENGE 2 ECONOMIC CRISIS FACTORS	SENTENCE IN THE ARENA OF CRISIS IN THE SOCIAL ECONOMY THE UNDERLYING CHALLENGE IS TO LOOK INTO AREAS IN OUR ECONOMY THAT ARE CREATING A CRISIS SITUATION, SUCH AS CAPITAL FORMATION, INADEQUATE CONSUMPTION PATTERNS, ETC. AND TO FORMULATE POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO THESE PROBLEMS, WHICH HAS TO DO WITH DISTRIBUTION OF LOW COST HOUSING.
CHALLENGE 3 USE OF HUMAN RESOURCES	SENTENCE TO DEVELOP A SYSTEM OF COORDINATION BETWEEN LOCAL AND NATIONAL PROGRAMS TO AVOID CONFUSION AND APATHY AND DUPLICATION OF SERVICES. PRESENT CHALLENGE IS TO DEVELOP A SYSTEM OF CANDIDATE WHICH HAS TO DO WITH PROHIBITIVE CAMPAIGN COSTS.
CHALLENGE 4 HUMAN RESOURCES	SENTENCE IN THE ARENA OF HIGHEST AND BEST USE OF HUMAN RESOURCES THE UNDERLYING CHALLENGE IS TO DEVELOP FULL EMPLOYMENT WHICH HAS TO DO WITH OCCUPATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION AND LOCAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THOSE WITH SKILLS.
CHALLENGE 5 ECONOMIC STABILITY	SENTENCE IN THE ARENA OF ECONOMIC INSTABILITY THE UNDERLYING CHALLENGE IS COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE PUBLIC (WORK FORCE) AND LEADERSHIP (MANAGEMENT) WHICH HAS TO DO WITH MORE PUBLIC INTEREST, INVOLVEMENT, JOB AWARENESS COUPLES WITH INTEGRITY IN LEADERSHIP AND WISE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES.
CHALLENGE 6 RESTORING PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP	SENTENCE IN THE ARENA OF THE POWER OF THE UNION THE UNDERLYING CHALLENGE IS RESTORING INTERESTS, INCENTIVE, INTEGRITY AND PRIDE AND BUILDING PERSONAL GRATIFICATION IN A JOB WELL DONE! THIS HAS TO DO WITH CHECKMATE OF UNION CONTRACTS, BETTER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MANAGEMENT AND LABOR, FAIR WAGES FOR A JOB WELL DONE.
CHALLENGE 7 ECONOMIC IMMORALITY	SENTENCE IN THE AREA OF HUMAN RESOURCES THE UNDERLYING CHALLENGE IS TO ELIMINATE THE ECONOMIC GAIN DERIVED FROM INDIVIDUAL AND CORPORATE IMMORALITY WHICH HAS TO DO WITH PROFIT FROM SALE OF DRUGS, CRIME, EXCESSIVE UNION GAINS, EXCESSIVE PROFITS FROM BIG BUSINESS.

THE ECONOMIC CHALLENGES CONTINUED

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CHALLENGE 8
INFLATION
AND RECESSION

SENTENCE IN THE ARENA OF INFLATION AND RECESSION THE UNDERLYING CHALLENGE IS TO SLOW INFLATION AND INCREASE EMPLOYMENT WHICH HAS TO DO WITH STABILITY AND MORE OPPORTUNITIES.

CHALLENGE 9
HUMAN AND
NATURAL RESOURCES

SENTENCE IN THE ARENA OF HUMAN AND NATURAL RESOURCES THE UNDERLYING CHALLENGE IS THE RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP OF ALL RESOURCES BY CONTINUING COORDINATED-COOPERATIVE EFFORTS OF EDUCATORS, POLITICAL, BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL AREAS OF THE COMMUNITY.

CHALLENGE 10
GOVERNMENT
CONTROL AND
IMPROVEMENTS

SENTENCE IN THE ARENA OF GOVERNMENT CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENTS THE UNDERLYING CHALLENGE IS TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF DOMESTIC GOODS AND PRODUCTS TO MAKE THEM MORE DESIRABLE OVER FOREIGN GOODS AND STRICTER CONTROL OVER THE DEPARTMENTS OF GOVERNMENT BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS NECESSARY. BY IMPROVING HOUSING CONDITIONS AND ENCOURAGE BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY TO DEVELOP IN CHICAGO HEIGHTS TO HELP BETTER THE ECONOMY.

THE POLITICAL CHALLENGES

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CHALLENGE 1 Concentration of Authority	<p>SENTENCE</p> <p>The challenge is a return to a more democratic government, which has to do with improving the quantity and quality of participation by citizens in decision making.</p>
CHALLENGE 2 Judicial System Accountability	<p>SENTENCE</p> <p>Grass roots action to make the judicial system respond more effectively.</p>
CHALLENGE 3 Political Awareness	<p>SENTENCE</p> <p>In the arena of political awareness and governmental ineptness in political decision making, the underlying challenge is to reestablish integrity and intelligence in government by accepting recent changes in the local government and the willingness of the government to involve the members of the community in seeking solutions to local problems such as inadequate police protection, degenerating communities; poor water quality.</p>
CHALLENGE 4 Individual Governmental Responsibilities	<p>SENTENCE</p> <p>The underlying challenge is to make the citizens and government mutually responsible and responsive--which has to do with protecting the safety and rights of all individuals, effective implementation of government programs for the citizens' welfare, proper accountability of governmental bodies and agencies, and involving</p>
CHALLENGE 5 Financial Inequities	<p>individuals in the political process.</p> <p>SENTENCE</p> <p>In the arena of misuse of funds that affect both rich and poor life, the underlying challenge is to improve performance and accountability, including a double-check of expenditures, which has to do with increased citizen apathy (lack of concern), increasing lack of communication, rebellion and economic chaos.</p>
CHALLENGE 6 Ineffective Judicial System	<p>SENTENCE</p> <p>The challenge is the revamping of the judicial system which has to do with crime rise, ineffective leadership, overloaded courts, and declining cities.</p>

THE CULTURAL CHALLENGES

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CHALLENGE 1 Social Interaction	SENTENCE To develop awareness of the rights of others, which has to do with understanding each other's needs and preferences.
CHALLENGE 2 The Dignity of the Human Being	SENTENCE In the arena of human dignity--the challenge is to give effective consideration to the under-privileged groups in the community which has to do with blighted areas; tension between generations, and a lack of faith in local governing bodies.
CHALLENGE 3 Social and Economic Needs of the Community	SENTENCE The underlying challenge in the arena of human efforts is better education, and communication of community leaders, industry, political leaders, industry, political leaders, professional leaders and professional leaders, business, labor, etc. which has to do with taxation, housing, women in work force, etc.
CHALLENGE 4 Basic Values	SENTENCE In the arena of basic values, the underlying challenge is to bring about an attitudinal change which has to do with decreasing neighborhood responsibility, family strife, juvenile and adult delinquency.
CHALLENGE 5 Education for All	SENTENCE The underlying challenge is accommodating to the diverse cultures (with their different needs) while at the same time maintaining some standards of excellence which has to do with making the educational experience meaningful for all of those involved.
CHALLENGE 6 Group Misunderstanding and Prejudices	SENTENCE In the area of group misunderstanding, the underlying challenge is the education through the interchange of information for mutual understanding which has to do with unjustified generalization of individual members because of assumed group traits.
CHALLENGE 7 Morality and Spiritual Awareness	SENTENCE Chicago heights has a good record of integrity; morality should be discussed more by the clergy, but it is for us to set examples.

THE CULTURAL CHALLENGES (continued)

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CHALLENGE 8

Breakdown of
Life-Directing
Values

SENTENCE

The underlying challenge in morals and wisdom means we must identify, communicate and seek committment to a positive program of better communication among citizens and their community helpers which has to do with unmotivated alienated students, untapped resources of our senior citizens, influence of home, schools and church on morals and outlook on life and participation in voting and community involvement.

CHALLENGE 9

Social
Problems

SENTENCE

In the arena of social problems the underlying challenge is uniting people to work together by educating the public to problems of youth, minorities and the aged.

CHALLENGE 10

Misunderstand-
ing of Self
Interest

SENTENCE

In the arena of lack of national and community spirit the underlying challenge is development of understanding of mutual interdependence which has to do with limited support of community programs, ineffective local governmental system, racial inequities, and lack of concern for downtown development.

I must study politics and war, that my sons may have liberty to study mathematics and philosophy, geography, natural history and naval architecture, navigation, commerce, and agriculture, in order to give their children a right to study painting, poetry, music, architecture, statuary, tapestry, and porcelain.

John Adams

THE ECONOMIC PROPOSALS

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PROPOSAL 1 Restructure of Economic Morality	SENTENCE We the citizens of Chicago Heights, in order to help stimulate the economy, propose to rebuild the family unit through better education for financial responsibility and to make crime unprofitable through legalization and taxation of non-detrimental crimes and through stricter punishment of detrimental crimes.
PROPOSAL 2 The Stewardship of Our Natural and Human Resources	SENTENCE We the citizens of Chicago Heights, in order to promote stewardship of our natural and human resources, propose identifying, improving, reserving and sharing such resources through the entire educational process, mass media, industrial conservation practices, group and individual sharing.
PROPOSAL 3 More Effective World Trade	SENTENCE We the citizens of Chicago Heights, in order to promote more effective world trade, propose sponsorship of local forums through community, school and media activities which emphasize: (1) values of quality products, and (2) interdependence of local and foreign markets.
PROPOSAL 4 Government Involvement in Economics	SENTENCE We the citizens of Chicago Heights, in order to improve government management of the economy propose to set local priorities by democratic processes through (1) city council meetings; (2) referenda; (3) petitions; and (4) citizens approved advisory board.
PROPOSAL 5 Importance of Individual	SENTENCE We the citizens of Chicago Heights, in order to restore pride in workmanship, propose to develop importance of individual through evaluation, development and implementation of adequate educational standards for qualified management and personnel.

POLITICAL PROPOSALS

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PROPOSAL 1 Public Awareness of Needs	SENTENCE We, the citizens of Chicago Heights, in order to arouse awareness, propose publicizing general feelings of citizens about political issues through local neighborhood newsletters and attendance at public meetings.
PROPOSAL 2 Insure Responsible Government	SENTENCE We, the citizens of Chicago Heights, in order to review and aid government (city and other) to be more effective, propose to form a task force from the entire city to implement this intent with a time line through a participant's list of those attending this town meeting.
PROPOSAL 3 Become Better Informed	SENTENCE We, the citizens of Chicago Heights, in order to become better informed, propose that we do so through individual and group fact-gathering, attendance at public meetings, and through involvement by both individuals and groups in learning the facts and taking a stand.
PROPOSAL 4 True Democratic Principles	SENTENCE We, the citizens of Chicago Heights, in order to practice true democratic principles, propose the highest and best uses of human resources through the formation of a committee to broaden educational, occupational, and political opportunity.
PROPOSAL 5 Meaningful Citizen Participation	SENTENCE We, the citizens of Chicago Heights, in order to involve individuals from <u>all</u> neighborhoods in government propose to establish neighborhood councils through endorsement of city council and the delegation of their authority for implementation of such councils to the Community Relations Board.

THE CULTURAL PROPOSALS

CHICAGO HEIGHTS TOWN MEETING

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<p>PROPOSAL 1</p> <p>RULES AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS</p>	<p>SENTENCE WE THE CITIZENS OF CHICAGO HEIGHTS IN ORDER TO LIVE TOGETHER IN SAFETY AND HARMONY PROPOSE THAT CODES OF ACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR BE ESTABLISHED THROUGH A COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE OF ALL IDENTIFIABLE COMMUNITY GROUPS.</p>
<p>PROPOSAL 2</p> <p>PARTICIPATION AND INVOLVEMENT IN DECISION MAKING</p>	<p>SENTENCE WE CITIZENS OF CHICAGO HEIGHTS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE A FEELING OF SHARING AND BELONGING, PROPOSE SHARING OF IDEALS, GOALS AND PLANS FOR ATTAINMENT IN EACH COMMUNITY (EDUCATIONAL, CIVIC AND PERSONAL) THROUGH STUDENT TOWN MEETINGS, COMMUNITY COMMUNICATION PROGRAM OF CITY COUNCIL PLANS AND OBJECTIVES, BLOCK AREA REPRESENTATIVES TO HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION (ALSO BLOCK PARTIES), BROTHERHOOD CAMPAIGN, AND REDECORATE WATER TOWERS.</p>
<p>PROPOSAL 3</p> <p>EDUCATION RESPONSE TO INDIVIDUALS</p>	<p>SENTENCE WE THE CITIZENS OF CHICAGO HEIGHTS IN ORDER TO IMPROVE EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS PROPOSE TO REQUIRE MAINTENANCE OF HIGH PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS THROUGH STRENUOUS RECRUITMENT AND CONTINUED TRAINING.</p>
<p>PROPOSAL 4</p> <p>CIVIL EMPATHY FOR DISCIPLINE</p>	<p>SENTENCE WE THE CITIZENS OF CHICAGO HEIGHTS IN ORDER TO CREATE CIVIL EMPATHY FOR DISCIPLINE PROPOSE TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC AS TO THEIR OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN MODERNING THE LEGAL SYSTEM AND SUPPORTING LOCAL LAWS THROUGH COMMUNITY BLOCK ORGANIZATIONS, LAW AND ORDER FORUM, PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AND PUBLIC RELATIONS CAMPAIGN ON HOW LAW AND ORDER CARES FOR THE COMMUNITY.</p>

What a glorious morning for America!

Upon hearing the gunfire at Lexington [April 19, 1775

Samuel Adams

Truth is on the march and nothing can stop it.

Emile Zola

Be always sure you're right--then go ahead.

Davy Crockett

Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

REACHING NEW HEIGHTS

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IN CHICAGO HEIGHTS, WHEELS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN TURNING; FROM WHEELS OF COVERED WAGONS ON OLD SAUK TRAIL TO THE WHEELS OF INDUSTRY TURNING OUT PRODUCTS FOR OUR NATION. FROM TRAILS TO EXPRESSWAYS, FROM FIELDS TO FACTORIES, FROM CABIN TO HOME, WE BECAME THE HUB OF THE NATION.

THE CROSS ROADS OF THE NATION HAVE BROUGHT A CROSS SECTION OF VARIED PEOPLE RESULTING IN A CITY OF PROGRESS AND UNLIMITED OPPORTUNITIES, EDUCATION, RELIGION, AND THE FREEDOM TO PURSUE ONE'S CHOSEN LIVELYHOOD.

THROUGH COMPLETE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION EACH OF US HOLDS A KEY THAT OPENS THE DOOR TO GREATER HEIGHTS. LET OUR CITY KEEP PACE WITH THE GROWTH OF OUR NATION!

THE AMERICAN WAY
by Chicago Heights

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We came from all around the world
To live in love and peace
We came to build our city strong
With care and integrity

Chorus

To love one another it's the only way
To keep us together in the U.S.A.
To love one another it's the only way
Admit to this and we'll be here to stay.

We work and play and share our hopes
And build on memories
We pray and sing to keep us one
In perfect unity

We'd like to share these things with you
We'd like for you to see
Us grow into a future world
With love and humanity

You have driven me from the East to this place, and I have been here two thousand years or more....My friends, if you took me away from this land it would be very hard for me. I wish to die in this land. I wish to be an old man here....I have not wished to give even a part of it to the Great Father. Though he were here to give me a million dollars I would not give him this land....When people want to slaughter cattle they drive them along until they get them to a corral, and then they slaughter them. So it was with us....My children have been exterminated; my brother has been killed.

Chief Standing Bear of the Poncas

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**CONSTITUTION
OF THE
UNITED STATES
1787**

We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquillity, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

Preamble

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right to the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

First Amendment [1791]

The New Story

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I wish the bald eagle had not been chosen as the representative of our country; he is a bird of bad moral character; like those among men who live by sharping and robbing, he is generally poor, and often very lousy.

The turkey is a much more respectable bird, and withal a true original native of America.

Benjamin Franklin

International Society
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Editors



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Oregon, Ill.

Wednesday June 13, 1979



THE GRAND MARCH OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF WEEKLY NEWSPAPER EDITORS BLUES

Way down in the boonies, in the state of Illinois,
Where Hous and Long and Pioneers
Brought journalism joy.

WE'RE A GRASSROOTS THING,

AND WE SEEK THE TRUTH.

WE'RE A GRASSROOTS THING.

Soon Rotch and Smith and Landon Wills
And De Coursey and Wilt,
All joined this group of editors,
With those of sim'lar ilk.

CHORUS

The people have the right to know, just what's happening.
Across the globe, both young and old,
Will seek to make truth king.

We look into the next decade,
And this is what we find.
The edits and the columns will
Be both signed and unsigned.

CHORUS

The Blisses, Monroes and Rannies,
The Freireichs, Joyce, MJ.
The Estabrooks and the Dudleys
And bulk of Henry Gay.

Are joined by Mike and Linda O.
And Grossmans, Peg and Dave.
All bring new blood and bright ideas,
They're the future's wave.

CHORUS

The group is run
By a big guy
Who does the job with verve.
Since nothing rhymes with Kummerfeldt,
We give our thanks to Irv.

We have got a gnome from gnome
For Phoebe's dwarves
And tenterhooks, it's true.
We know just what a petard do,
And we know you do too.

CHORUS

Our edi-tor-i-als will be
All full of truth and grit.
They'll cover death and taxes with
A tasty touch of wit.

CHORUS

The End

WHAT ABOUT US?

The International Society of Weekly Newspaper Editors was founded in 1954 by a group of editors and educators eager to improve the quality of editorial writing in grassroots journalism.

The principal founders were Dr. Howard R. Long of Southern Illinois University and Houstoun Waring of the Littleton (Colorado) Independent.

The organization, first called the International "Conference" of Weekly Newspaper Editors, was headquartered for its first two decades at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale and usually met at Pere Marquette State Park, near Grafton, Illinois. Following the retirement of Dr. Long, the now "Society" became affiliated with Northern Illinois University at DeKalb in 1975. The university makes available its Lorado Taft Field Campus at Oregon for the Society's conference each June.

A distinguishing feature of ISWNE during its first 25 years has been the presentation of the Golden Quill Award for the best editorial of the year submitted at large and the listing of the "Golden Dozen" top entries.

Community conscience is epitomized in the Eugene Cervi Award, presented for moral courage in journalism, demonstrated over a period of years. The Cervi Award commemorates one of ISWNE's earliest and most outspoken members who for many years operated Cervi's Rocky Mountain Journal in Denver. In 1979, the Cervi Award went to Houstoun Waring, one of the founders of ISWNE 25 years previously.

The Society hopes to renew its membership by attracting young editors from various countries and geographical areas in an effort to offer a balance of ideas and experience. ISWNE also seeks to encourage periodic regional meetings of members and contemplates additional overseas study trips similar to these it has conducted to the British Isles and Eastern Asia. Its 1980 conference has been proposed for Canada at Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario.

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CHALLENGES

ISWNE Town Meeting

GROWTH POLICY

In the area of growth, the following blocks exist; qualified editors need to be identified, and editors need to be identified. The challenge facing ISWNE is deciding ISWNE growth policies and devise a program. At the present time only informal conversations have been held and there is no policy statement.

ISWNE INVOLVEMENT

In the area of involvement the following blocks exist; money, time and distance. The challenge facing ISWNE is making it possible for desirable members to overcome distance, time and money. Examples of this are the fact that most of the people attending the conference are from this area, there are only two new members this year and there are few small papers represented except those in the area.

FOCUSING SERVICE

In the area of service several blocks exist including unfocused objectives, service is never discussed and un concern. The challenge facing ISWNE is focusing the organization's objectives. Examples of this are the fact that there is no scholarship fund, and there is no established aid policy.

ISWNE MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION

In the area of promotion the following blocks exist: lethargy, preconception, no full-time director and vehicles are limited. The challenge is motivating a few key members. An example of promotion is the fact that only two new members joined this year.

MEMBERSHIP ADVANTAGES

In the area of membership the fact that a lack of facilities and programs, short staff or other problems on our newspaper, and potential lack of communication between meetings indicates the underlying challenge is improving communications to determine needs and wants of members and establish newspaper exchanges. This is illustrated by not knowing if children are interested in attending meetings and Ed DeCoursey's staff illness.

WHO WHERE HOW WHEN WHY

In the arena of better promotion of ISWNE the fact that regional sessions are a new idea and not fully organized and that uniqueness is hard to define indicates the underlying challenge is prioritizing the goals of ISWNE in terms of individual members time and resources. This is illustrated by present conference attendance is less than expected.

FIND AN ANGEL

In the arena of services that funding sources are not known, and those in need are often unknown. The underlying challenge is to investigate such sources and establish means to use this information. This is illustrated by the J.R. and Aspen caper, the Dubuque foundation fiasco, and the Hick's saga.

WHAT 9,000 WEEKLY EDITORS SHOULD KNOW

In the arena of Grassroots Editor, the fact that not enough professionals know about it indicates the underlying challenge is promotion of awareness of the magazine in the profession. This is illustrated by not enough articles are being submitted.

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PRACTICAL PROPOSALS

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A HAND UP

We, the members of ISWNE in order to enable young editors to attend the conference, propose creating afour (4) \$200 fellowships for the 1980 Conference by listing foundations that would be interested. Have board appont two solicitors and report back to January board meeting.

TALK TO EACH OTHER

We, the members of ISWNE in order to Improve communication with members and board proposed to expand the general meeting.

TAKE A STACK HOME

We, the members of ISWNE in order to promote Grassroots Editors propose members take home stacks of journals and plan to share them with local editors with tear sheets when appropriate and send to journalism schools.

WAIT TILL NEXT YEAR!

We, the members of ISWNE in order to promote the 1980 Conference propose contacting qualified weekly editors in February by telephone, telegrams and mailgrams.

INCREASED PARTICIPATION

We, the members of ISWNE, in order to attract participants from a wider area, propose a mailing to those members unable to attend, followed by personal contact. To get this moving we would write a personal letter, designand mail a promotional brochure of this year's meeting, procure personal recruiters, and follow with a phone call from a participant

MEMBERSHIP POLICIES

We, the members of the International Society of Weekly Newspaper Editors in order to determine membership policies, propose board review of membership policies. To get this moving we would request a review of membersshipp policy by the board and request a report of its results to the membership in the newsletter.

PROMOTION OF ISWNE

We, the members of ISWNE, in order to promote the society, propose board action. To get this moving we would establish a "Weekly Editor of the Month Award,I", urge each member to seek new qualified members in his XX state, issure promotional literature and explore other avenues.

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FUND RAISING

We, the members of ISWNE, in order to obtain funds for growth and service, propose that the board investigate funding possibilities, to get this moving we would appoint a committee to seek funds and contact foundations.

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