

# Peace Corps Volunteer Ready To Go To India

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Grant County's second contribution to the Peace Corps is packing his bags, brushing up on his Hindi sanskrit and preparing to leave Tuesday for a two-year hitch in a remote village near Calcutta, India.

He is 22-year-old Michael Maidenberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Maidenberg, 1100 Euclid Ave.

Maidenberg isn't exactly sure yet just where he will be as-

signed but he does know that it will be in India and that he will be teaching English to Bengali students in a secondary school.

The new Peace Corps volunteer just recently completed 12 weeks of intensive training at the University of Wisconsin and feels it was a "very thorough preparation."

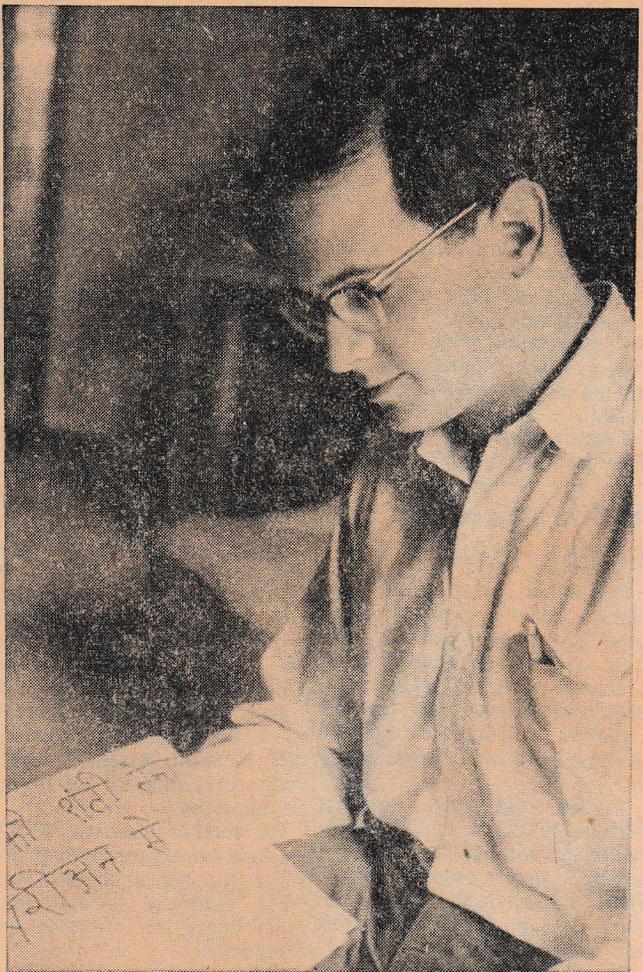
Maidenberg said the training consisted of a 15-hour day with language instruction all morning, technical training in the afternoon and various lectures every night.

He will be in India for 21 months and will be able to stay another year if he desires. Peace Corps members who sign up for an additional two-year period, though, must take a different assignment.

Maidenberg, who graduated in June from the University of Michigan, admitted the main reason he elected to join the Peace Corps was to postpone making a decision on what he wants to do with his life. He also feels that two years experience in the corps will make it easier to reach some kind of decision.

"After four years of college there is a wide field of things

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INDIA HERE I COME—That's what Michael Maidenberg has written here as he brushes up on his Sanskrit before leaving for a two-year stint with the Peace Corps in India. Maidenberg will leave Tuesday for a village near Calcutta where he will teach English in a secondary school. (Chronicle Photo)

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to do," he expressed, "and most students come from college with a set of humanitarian ideals. The Peace Corps is a good place to exercise these ideals."

Maidenberg, who said he is interested in Indian culture, asked to be assigned to India although he wasn't sure just what the policy was on assigning new volunteers.

Besides being a teacher, Maidenberg said there are "innumerable ways that Peace Corps workers can make themselves useful to the host country."

He said the volunteers will become community development workers and social workers just by the fact of being Americans. Disease is another big problem that Peace Corps workers can help to combat, Maidenberg said.

Maidenberg said Hindi is the most common language in India but added that the country has 14 major languages plus hundreds of dialects. English is the language of business and government, he explained, but feels volunteers should speak the language of the people to get things done.

The local volunteer said he would study Bengali, a dialect of Hindi, but he doesn't mind that too much since it is one of the richest literary language in India and he is interested in the country's literature and philosophy.

Maidenberg said his housing might be anything from a hut to an apartment but he doesn't expect it to be too bad. He doesn't anticipate any problems with food "as long as it's kept clean." And he's not kicking about the pay either.

He explained that the Peace Corps provides a living allowance comparable to what the Peace Corps worker's Indian counterpart would be paid and that \$75 is deposited each month in an American bank to be paid when the volunteer returns home.

Maidenberg said he's anxious to arrive in India and has no reservations about having accepted the assignment. He added that his parents are happy with his decision, too—at least as happy as can be expected for someone about to be separated from their son for two years.

Nancy Miller was Grant County's first Peace Corps volunteer.