

GEE, A...?

General Assembly this year will be in New York City at the Americana Hotel. The theme of GA is Stone Soup, which is taken from a story about some soldiers who come into a town where they are not welcome and gradually get the townspeople to share what little there was in the way of food with them. The idea of the theme is basically: If we all bring a little something to GA this year, we all will return to our homes and churches with a little more than we started out with. The point is that we need to share our problems so we can find solutions and if we really want the communication we so badly need between members of the denomination then we must make something of our annual meeting. If you would like to be a part of this experience and are interested in what is happening in the UU movement then why not start doing something about it now?

Why should you go to GA? Well, if you care about what happens in your denomination, if you feel that there should be more youth representation in the UU movement, if you feel that people should know that LRYers are interested in other facets of the denomination and/or if you are interested in the learning experiences that happen when you meet UUs from all over the continent, then you will probably feel some need to be at GA.

To be a voting delegate at General Assembly you should go to your minister or the chairperson of your church board and ask him/her about representing your church at the meeting. You probably will have to do this now and be a member of your church to be successful. Delegate status will probably involve giving a report of some kind to the board of your church telling them what you did and how you felt about the different programs that you came in contact with, and generally conveying any information obtained at GA which you feel is valuable to the church.

A voting delegate fee is \$45.00 this year, which includes a packet about General Assembly which contains schedules and information regarding workshops and resolutions.

If you don't get voting delegate status, don't give up. There are still ways to get to GA. Try for an alternate delegate status. That means that you go to GA and if by chance the delegate from your church can not make it to any of the meetings then you receive all his/her privileges and responsibilities -including voting.

The other way to get to GA is to become a Youth Delegate which means that you can have a packet on the program and can attend meetings but you do not have a vote. The cost of a youth delegate status is \$15.00. Also if you live in the New York area you can visit daily for a \$5.00 cover charge.

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SMOKEY THE BEAR SUTRA

Once in the Jurassic, about 150 million years ago, the Great Sun Buddha in this corner of the Infinite Void gave a great Discourse to all the assembled elements and energies: to the standing beings, the walking beings, the flying beings, and the sitting beings—even grasses, to the number of thirteen billion, each one born from a seed, were assembled there: a Discourse concerning Enlightenment on the planet Earth.

"In some future time, there will be a continent called America. It will have great centers of power called such as Pyramid Lake, Walden Pond, Mt. Rainier, Big Sur, Everglades, and so forth; and powerful nerves and channels such as Columbia River, Mississippi River, and Grand Canyon. The human race in that era will get into troubles all over its head, and practically wreck everything in spite of its own strong intelligent Buddha-nature."

"The twisting strata of the great mountains and the pulsings of great volcanoes are my love burning deep in the earth. My ultimate compassion is schist and basalt and granite, to be mountains, to bring down the rain. In that future American Era I shall enter a new form: to cure the world of loveless knowledge that seeks with blind hunger; and mindless rage eating food that will not fill it."

And he showed himself in his true form of SMOKEY THE BEAR. A handsome smoke colored brown bear standing on his hind legs showing that he is aroused and watchful.

Bearing on his right paw the Shovel that digs to the truth beneath appearances; cuts the roots of useless attachments, and flings damp sand on the fires of greed and war; His left paw in the Mudra of Comradely Display—indicating that all creatures have the toll right to live to their limits and that deer, rabbits, chipmunks, snakes, dandelions, and lizards all grow in the realm of the Dharma;

Wearing the blue work overalls symbolic of slaves and laborers, the countless men oppressed by a civilization that claims to save but only destroys;

Wearing the broad-brimmed hat of the West, symbolic of the forces that guard the Wilderness, which is the Natural State of the Dharma and the True Path of man on earth; all true paths lead through mountains.

With a halo of smoke and flame behind, the forest fires of the Kali yuga, fires caused by the stupidity of those who think things can be gained and lost whereas in truth all is contained vast and free in the Blue Sky and Green Earth of One Mind.

Round-bellied to show his kind nature and that the great earth has food enough for everyone who loves her and trusts her;

Trampling underfoot wasteful freeways and needless suburbs; smashing the worms of capitalism and totalitarianism;

Indicating the Task: his followers, becoming free of cars, houses, canned food, universities, and shoes, master the Three Mysteries of their own Body, Speech, and Mind; and fearlessly chop down the rotten trees and prune out the sick limbs of this country America and then burn the leftover trash.

Wrathful but Calm, Austere but Comic, Smokey the Bear will illuminate those who would help him; but for those who would hinder or slander him,

HE WILL PUT THEM OUT.

Thus his great Mantra:

Namah samanta vajranam chanda maharoshana
Sphataya hum traka ham mam

"I DEDICATE MYSELF TO THE UNIVERSAL
DIAMOND BE THIS RAGING FURY DESTROYEI!"

And he will protect those who love woods and rivers, Gods and animals, hobos and madmen, prisoners and sick people, musicians, playful women, and hopeful children;

And if anyone is threatened by advertising, air pollution, or the police, they should chant SMOKEY THE BEAR'S WAR SPELL:

DROWN THEIR BUTTS
CRUSH THEIR BUTTS
DROWN THEIR BUTTS
CRUSH THEIR BUTTS

And SMOKEY THE BEAR will surely appear to put the enemy out with his vajra-shovel.

Now those who recite this Sutra and then try to put it in practice will accumulate merit as countless as the sands of Arizona and Nevada.

Will help save the planet Earth from total oil slick.

Will enter the age of harmony of man and nature.

Will win the tender love and caresses of men, women, and beasts

Will always have ripe blackberries to eat and a sunny spot under a pine tree to sit at.

AND IN THE END WILL WIN HIGHEST
PERFECT ENLIGHTENMENT.

thus have we heard.

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PERSONALS

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Many things don't believe in such people

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We are trying to start an alternative school within our high school and need info., ideas, etc. Anything!! Write: Ellen Bruce, 1315 Monroe, Evanston, Ill. 60202.

Dear OVF: OUT TO LUNCH. Will come MARCHing in soon enough, Love Bunny.

Dear Jim Munroe from Starr King: Let's talk about our revolutionary idea. Love, Layni from TOAKtm.

Hello Anna Banana, meet me at dog'n'suds mar.9 at 5:30 pm rsvp to 25 or 134 signed rabbits anonymous

If anyone found a jean jacket at Continental that had a rainbow hand embroidered on the back please write to : Richard Tauber, Box 509, 821 Volunteer Blvd., Knoxville. Tenn. 37916 I miss it terribly.

Chere mon amie Bev, Bonjour, madame/oiselle!! Quelle appelons-nous "Ms" en francais? J'ai heureux vous connaitre, mais ma grammaire est tres, tres terrible!! J'ai triste, mais je ne sais pas quel dire, parce que ma vocabulaire est tres petite. Desirez-vous une traduire? Je t'aime Layni.

Found at Continental Boards (Chicago): One white T-shirt, medium size, black printing on front picture & "Hey, Hey, Hey". Contact Layni Martin, 1503 Montclair St. Arlington, Tx. 76015.

Any local group who would like to write a letter to my local group let's get to know each other: LRY C/O TVUC 3219 Kingston Pike, Box 10507. Knoxville Tenn. 37919...

each time you come to the convention. If any of the above ways appeal or fit your circumstances please get in touch with us and let us know what you are doing.

We plan to have alternate housing for youth attending the convention at a Universalist church near the hotel site. We (LRY) are sponsoring a banquet in Central Park, two worship services and four practica sessions (workshops) during the Assembly.

In order to help youth who attend the GA out, we would like to send a packet to all of them, the packet will provide information that will hopefully aid them in making various decisions and in understanding the GA structure and process. Please let us know as soon as possible if you decide to be at this years annual meeting, which will take place from June 25 to June 30th, write: LRY /25 Beacon street /Boston MA 02108.

Wanted; Local group to participate in pilot programs dealing in sexism. Should be an equal balance of sexes. If interested contact: Adam c/o LRY 25 Beacon St. Boston Mass 02108

ATTN: WeeWillie: Please write soon I miss you a whole lot. Take care I love you really...posies.

JTB from MAF finally got the monthies after 11 years!! sigh..

Jo D. from Indianapolis why don't you ever come out and relate or at least write sometime from PR. in B-Town.....

Where is the CCC? from PJ.

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This week's TAGS
 BELIEVE-IT-OR-NOT!
 The Oldest LRYer...



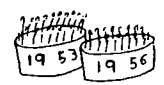
... is the Reverend Peter A. Baldwin, a former executive director of LRY, who is LRY'S ONLY LIFE MEMBER.

A FILE...
 in the LRY office, dating back to 1989, reported that a federation was dying... Last winter, Evans later, the representative from that fed told the LRY board that the fed WAS STILL DYING!

If LRY had a Nickle for every time that someone asked LRY for money for a "Special Project" ...

LRY would have enough money to publish 3 free issues of People Soup - Including Postage!

LRY has TWO Birthdays!
 The first LRY was started in 1953 as a Coordinating Body between the Universalist Youth Fellowship and American Unitarian Youth. The second LRY was incorporated in 1956, when the UYF, the AUJ and the old LRY were combined into a new organization for all liberal religious youth!



LRY is SO POOR... That the four LRY executives have to live on \$30 per week for food for themselves and their guests.



And - they are forced to steal their toilet paper from their own office!
 of LRY!... are the Young People's Christian Union and the Young People's Religious Union, which date back to the 1890's and the 1840's respectively!

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- AND AGAIN WE PLEASE ...

It is our intention that People Soup become a self supporting program and publication of Liberal Religious Youth. In order for this to happen it is necessary that we continue to receive subscriptions. With the money we have collected and the money we are owed by subscribers, we could put out another twelve page issue without dipping into our budget.

We are asking you please, if you find this paper valuable, to sell subscriptions. Local group subscriptions will not carry us, we need many more individuals buying our paper. It only takes a moment to fill out the form on the right, turn on your friends and the people in your church. If you use up the forms or don't want to damage your paper, just send the necessary information on a plain sheet of paper. For \$2.50 the subscriber will receive eight issues of People Soup. If the paper should fold he/she will be reimbursed 31c per issue not delivered. Also available bulk rate on a per issue basis: 25c per copy for thirty or more, up to forty-nine copies, 20c per copy for over fifty. SEND SUBSCRIPTIONS AND MONEY TO: People Soup, C/O LRY, 25 BEACON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108 Make checks payable to LIBERAL RELIGIOUS YOUTH.

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editorials

The outstanding characteristic of newspapers, besides the format, is the fact that they contain news. News may be defined as any event or series of events, reported with as little judgement as possible, which will be important to the reader.

Importance can be a matter of dimension, Watergate is important internationally, whereas John Doe's election to city council in Urbana, Illinois is not.

Importance can be a matter of novelty, if John Doe happens to be running as a Communist Party candidate it may be important as an unusual event.

The city council election could also be important to LRYers if John was an eighteen-year-old LRYer or if a local group was involved in the process in some way. An event, then, can be important if it is one that involves a group which the reader identifies with.

An important event may also be initiated by the reporter. If an LRYer chairs a conference, for example, and decides to write an article about it he/she must be careful not to let his/her enthusiasm for the event crowd out the facts. Reporting an event which one participates in is going to be somewhat subjective regardless of how one tries to avoid it. However facts are important, the facts I would like to know are: 'what was the purpose of the conference?' 'how was the conference set up in terms of fulfilling the purpose?' 'was the conference successful?' 'how did people react to it?' and of course, 'when and where was it?' 'why was the conference good/bad?' 'are there any conclusions you can draw from this experience?'

Facts that are usable are important. If I tell you how people in my high school managed to gain some real power for the student council then you have that experience to draw on when dealing with your school.

Writing a successful news article is not the easiest thing to do, but with a little planning it is not impossible. Probably the first step in writing about something you expect to happen is to write down facts that are already known.

The second step is to make a note of any questions that arise either out of the known facts or in your own head. A good question to ask yourself is 'what does the reader need to know?'

At this point it may be necessary to do some investigation into the background events which support or lead up to the occurrence you are reporting. Make up a list of questions and interview people who are in some way responsible for, or directly affected by, the event.

Now you are fully prepared to observe the event. Try to take notes as it happens. Ask people questions. If you have a camera take pictures.

The final step is to draft an article. This is a crucial point, if you have a lot of important facts, but are unwilling to write them down using understandable English then nobody is going to read the article.

Often something will happen when one is not expecting it. Tomorrow you may walk into a race riot at school. Immediately you see the possibility of newsworthiness so you begin taking notes and asking questions. When people have cooled down you can begin investigating the events leading up to the riot.

The most important news in this paper may well be reporter initiated. If "nothin's happenin'" maybe starting a project and writing about it could be a good thing for both your head and for People Soup. The preceding was, by the way, an editorial.

NERO REBORN? Peter Nalven

I will start this editorial out with a plea directed to NERO LRYers. I plea to you to separate yourselves from your ego while you are reading and responding to this editorial. I plea to you to sit down and really think about what is written and send your responses to People Soup.

Being centered in Boston and fairly well exposed to the New England LRY has brought me to some conclusions about its existence and future. First I will present to you my observations. The first observation is the most obvious and all encompassing; LRY in New England is falling apart. The reason behind its falling apart are; A real lack of leadership, existence for the purpose of keeping the system going. The lack of well planned and successful conferences, The over abundance of most of them poorly planned. These problems lead to other problems such as poor attendance, low keyed participation, inner turmoil and all round disenchantment with LRY.

I feel that a change is needed, a radical change. If something does not happen I can foresee the total falling apart of LRY in the area within the next few years. When a NERO executive was confronted with the idea of change he responded, "you know you are right, but we cannot change. NERO has to fall apart completely before we can put it back together." I disagree with a philosophy behind the statement and the statement itself. True, the falling apart of NERO will bring about a change and possibly a rebirth but what about the cost? Years of needless confusion and the work to build attendance back to the low point it is right now? I say that NERO needs to come together not fall apart. Come together without their egos and federation power trips and build something new.

I propose that all of the Federations in the New England Area redraw their boundaries making the ten now existing federations into three larger and hopefully stronger feds. I propose that CVF and Narragansett combine to make one federation. That Bayshore, Essex, Norfolk, Suffolk, and South Middlesex combine to make a Boston Area Federation. And that Downeast, Hosea Ballou, New Hampshire Federation, and Central Mass combine to make a North Northeast Fed. I did a good deal of thinking before I decided on these combinations. The things I took into consideration were the population of these areas, the distance that people would have to travel to get to a conference, and the strength of the old feds that would make up the new feds.

The problem that this move would bring about is the disloving of old governing bodies and the creation of new governing bodies. I am confident that if we put our minds to work we will be able to solve this problem. What I recommend is that CVF and Narr. just combine their executive committees until elections come up. For the Boston Area and the North-NorthEast area I recommend a coalition governments and their next election they abolish the president/vice-president structure and elect area representatives to the new exec-com.

I hope NERO will take action on this proposal or a better one soon while they still have something to work with.

A WORD ON THE NEW COMMUNITY BY RICHARD TAUBER

LRY at one point was an entirely separate part of society, a place where neat heads got together for community. At that time it was the only place where these people got together. We have lost our uniqueness, now if you look in the right place there are individuals and even whole-groups of people who are living LRY without even knowing that LRY exists. What we need to do to make a truly New Community is to seek out these people and groups and unite them. Try and make this as large a Community as possible.

For with this progression of growth of a true community of like souls then perhaps a change can be affected upon our whole culture, all by a little help from old LRY. What a thought????

But back to "reality". LRY and its people will be getting themselves together, the transition from LRY now- to the New Community will be a painful one but the pain will be that of birth. True, a good bit of the emotions shown in LRY are put on, however, the little parts that aren't overly compensate for the "put ons".

For the whole idea of the New Community is that LRY not to be a group of individual people who just go to meetings and then home. The idea is to make LRY the home and family of each and every person. In this it will not be all happiness, no family is, it will be happiness and tears, love and hate, helping and needing help. But with this LRY can obtainly be the New Community.

But can us LRYers say that we are no different that there are no other groups or people who want to live the way we are attempting. It seems our obligation to ourselves is to find these and bring them into the New Community. For in the long run we are members of the world who want to live a better style- can we exclude and not reach for others who desire this style. Let's make this a total New Community.

First the Goals

National Efficiency Contest

- Andrew Velonis

The New Jersey Area Council recently held a joint meeting with whatever interested LRYers wanted to show, and while there I met a very interesting person. She is sixty-nine years old and both her family and her husband's family have been Unitarian for three generations, herself being part of the third.

When she was in LRY (except it wasn't called LRY then) at the age of fourteen or fifteen, there was a program called the National Efficiency Contest. For this contest the leaders of LRY would publish what they thought was a worthy set of goals for the group nationwide. Then the locals from all over the country (I don't think that there were federations then) would cook up and institute programs that they thought would accomplish one or more of those goals.

The winning group got to send someone from their group to the continental conference, and all the programs that groups had tried were published in a book called: THE NATIONAL EFFICIENCY CONTEST. Anyone who had the book (I assume that all the locals got a copy) could readily see what programs were being used in other parts of the country, and their success.

Maybe we could do something similar. I know that competition is generally frowned upon in LRY, but I think that it would be great to have a more unified effort to reach common goals, and also to be able to use every LRYer in the country (continent, and that goes for all other references to country or nation- ed.) as a source for programs.

Maybe we could do this along the lines of:
1) Reiterating the goals of LRY; 2) Demanding, encouraging, coaxing, persuading and somehow getting as many groups as possible, feds locals anything, to write up what programs they have tried

*****ECF is planning to make tee shirts.

*****NERO is planning an intergenerational conference sometime on the week end of the 23, 24, and 25 of March.

*****MVF held its winter conference in Kansas City in late January. It was quite a large conference with almost 100 people attending. A BODY (Board of Directing Youths) meeting was held. Representatives gave local reports. A feeling of accomplishment was evident. I now have a list of local contacts for you. It was decided to start a sort of "packet library" in which each local will make a list of all the packets and materials that they have and send it in to our communications officer. This way everyone will know where to get the materials they need.

*****Clearinghouse is still in the works.

*****MVF is still planning to have a multi-fed conference this summer (multi-fed because it is not sure who will be included).

*****Continental LRY has the NARMAC slide show "Post-war War" for use of LRYers.

AIM CELEBRATES FIRST ANNIVERSARY

(LWS) February 27, the first anniversary of the beginning of the siege of Wounded Knee and the declaration of the Independent Oglala Nation will be celebrated in cities all over the country with a variety of marches, picket lines, benefit dinners, dances benefit concerts, and films. The activities will continue from February 27-March 10 and will be celebrated in cities including Toledo, Ohio; Louisville, Ky.; Pensacola, Fla.; Bronx, N.Y.; Wilmington, Del.; and Savannah Ga.

People interested in organizing something in their city should get in touch with the Wounded Knee Legal Defense/Offense Committee, PO Box 255, Sioux Falls, SD, 57101, (605) 339-9805. Speakers and educational material are available.

to attain these goals and how successful they were and send them to a central location where they would be compiled and published.

That way, all LRYers could be sharing their experiences with growing, living and learning. That, to me, is central to what LRY is about.

The purposes of LRY as stated in the constitution are:

- To unite liberal religious youth.
- To build understanding and cooperation between youth and adults in the liberal religious movement.
- To provide for effective implementation of these purposes through local and regional organizations and activities.
- To help individual young people grow in:
 - Dealing creatively and imaginatively with religion as the most exalted quality and spirit of living.
 - Nurturing the distinctively liberal tradition in religion: freedom and responsibility of belief, the free and questing mind, the use of reason and the scientific method in religion and respect for the individual integrity and dignity of every person.
 - Achieving a responsible and durable faith through personal and group experiences of learning, service and worship.
 - Understanding and practicing the privileges and responsibilities of the democratic spirit and method.
 - Becoming creative and realistic contributors to the achievement of a just, peaceful and united world community.

This brings up an interesting question. How often do we think about what we do in LRY in terms of our stated goals or any other goals for that matter? -editors

UUSC PROJECT

Young people, dissenters, non-whites and other "non-conformists" too often become the targets of tough punishment and deliberate harassment in our system of justice-- in contrast to the experience of most middle-class citizens.

Standing on street corners, loud parties, quarrels, can often provoke police, more because of the life-styles of the people involved than any harm to society.

Once taken to court, particularly young people and non-whites just don't have the money available for bail, lawyers, court costs and fines.

Maybe you've got some stories to tell yourself since this situation repeats itself daily all over the country, spanning suburbia and inner-city. The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) has been trying to do something about the abuses in the criminal justice system with a national administration of justice project that just celebrated it's first birthday.

For the past year UUSC has been organizing Unitarian Universalists to take a hard look at their local courts, police, prisons and begin to take action for reform.

This process most often starts with a period of court monitoring where people actually sit down in their local courtrooms and see for themselves our assembly-line style of justice, what happens to the long-hairs and to minorities.

UUSC extends a big welcome and invitation to members of LRY to participate in a court monitoring project. Young people can make a significant contribution to judicial reform by taking the time to watch-dog their local courts as court monitors.

If you have any comments/questions, contact Attorney Raymond Dougan at UUSC's Administration of Justice Project at 25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass. 02108.



Putting together a paper for a special group of people is not an easy job, especially when you are not sure who the these people are. What they are into, where their heads are at and what their realm of experiences are. We would like to know the answer to these questions and I am sure you all would like to know who else is crazy enough to subscribe to and read this paper. I am also sure you would like a little insight into who we are and what we are about. That is the purpose of this page. We would like to have a little autobiography of you in issues to come and are asking you to write them and send to People Soup 25 Beacon St. Boston Ma. 02108.

THE GREAT INTERNATIONAL PEOPLE POLL

Object:

The People Soup Production Poll is a one competition, during which member Federations and Regional organizations will endeavor to amass points for various activities and what not as set forth in the section points.

Points:

Upon entering the Poll each Fed or Regional Org will receive all points for the valid events, activities and so on that they can take place since January 1, 1974. On the 15th of each month, People Soup productions will calculate points for all events and what-not that are proven to have taken place between the 16th of the previous month and said date. Game points are awarded as follows.

EVENTS

Conferences

BOTS/Advisor Conferences/LTWs

Day Rallies/ Youth Sundays/ Coffee Houses/ Pancake Breakfasts/etc.

Social Actions

Magazine/Newspaper/T.Shirts/Buttons/etc.

Newsletters

For attending Continental Conference the individual Feds or Reg. will receive

For subscriptions to People Soup " " "

Articles published in People Soup " " "

For each meeting per week

For every new member who has attended 3 consecutive meetings

For any unpublished articles sent to People Soup

For original and innovative workshops

For original and innovative local group programming

For an exceptional conference (report required)

For each existing local

For any ongoing program

For sponsoring or co-sponsoring a summer camp

For each delegate at G.A.

For miscellaneous, if you feel you have done something extra special tell us about it

No. of POINTS AWARDED

Maximum of 5 points for each of the first 3 conf. and -5 for each exceed-over 4 conferences per year.

5 points

2 points **RULES:** As you already know, nothing

5 points can work without rules, so here they

3 points are:

3 points 1) When talking in terms of members,

1 point you must supply full names&addresses

2 points and the group they are attached.

3 points 2) When talking in terms of events

1 point you must supply the written hand outs

1 point or the names of 10 participating members

3 points 3) In each issue of People Soup, an

5 points account of standings, to the date of

5 points issue, will be published.

5 points 4) In the event of question the staff of

5 points People Soup will have final say.

15 points

5 points

5 points

15 points

5 points

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PRO-FILE

This is a project designed to make LRY friends and folks more acquainted with this menagerie called the LRY executive committee. When the committee first came to office they had little or no idea of the job they were taking on. As they discovered what the office and working conditions were like they came to the startling realization that:

It's all here, all year!

They knew that things had to do with leadership training and field-tripping. They developed a way to say what they had to say and do what they had to do.

EXPERT TALKS

Getting down to business

START 'EM LAUGHING

They made contacts with the UUA. **Center of the World**

In addition to projects, packets, and associated actions, one of their biggest projects was preparation for Midwinter Boards in Chicago, or Chicago Heights as it were. They had to arrange for places, times, transportation, shelter, and food.

How many times a year do you take 1500 guests out to lunch?

Attendees at Boards found it quite an experience and the committee could find no words to express how they felt about the whole affair. One thing that is abundant in LRY especially at board meetings is

A lot of people want to sell you pure razzle dazzle.

After recovering from the meetings and the traveling, the committee has been working hard at all sorts of ideas that came out of the meeting. The paper is part of these workings as are many appearances at places for helping folks. A lot of learning goes on too, that's for sure. At this point, the committee is starting to work on their next big gathering together project which is General Assembly.

Boondoggle or Bonanza?

