

## Reports

CONFERENCE: Upper Midwest Conference, September 18-20, 1981, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The Animal Rights Coalition is sponsoring the Upper Midwest Conference, September 18-20, 1981, at the Marriott Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota. This is a national conference bringing together people concerned with the animal rights cause...mobilizing people toward awareness of animal rights and toward animal protection. Speakers: Cleveland Amory, President of The Fund for Animals, Inc., New York and Dr. Michael W. Fox, Director of the Institute for the Study of Animal Problems, a division of the Humane Society of the United States, Washington, DC. Arrangements are being made for other qualified persons to speak and participate on panels. The program will consist of speeches, panels, workshops, and exhibits with planned topics: factory farming, research, wildlife, hunting and trapping, marine life, humane education, companion animals, legislation, ethics, vegetarianism, environmental hazards, boycotts, future action. Conference fees are: \$45 Adults (3 main meals included in fee); \$35 Seniors and Students (3 main meals included in fee); and \$25 all ages without meals. Contact: Animals Rights Coalition, Inc., 8912 Morgan Avenue, South, Minneapolis, MN 55431.

CONFERENCE: "Action for Life" July 2-5, 1981, Cedar Crest College, Allentown, Pennsylvania

A major training, mobilization, and planning conference for vegetarian and animal rights action will be held this summer. This conference represents a cooperative effort by 20 participating organizations, including the American Natural Hygiene Society, Animal Protection Institute, Animal Rights Network, Beauty Without Cruelty, the

Fund for Animals, Institute for Study of Animal Problems, Society for Animal Rights, Vegetarian Information Service, and Vegetarian Times.

The program is being designed to train and mobilize concerned individuals to promote vegetarian, animal rights, and related life-enhancing objectives. Intensive workshops led by experienced operatives from the peace, civil rights, feminist, and other progressive movements will provide training in assertiveness, presentations, time management, organizing, tactical planning, litigation, coalitions, boycotts, demonstrations, lobbying, media relations, and similar proven techniques for social change. Special task forces will be mobilized to carry on the effort on behalf of narrowly defined objectives.

Noted comedian and activist Dick Gregory, Nobel Laureate Issac Bashevis Singer, and Representative Andrew Jacobs (D-IN) have been invited to keynote this unprecedented undertaking. Movement leaders will present their respective priorities and approaches to current issues. Special exhibits and reference sessions with movement veterans will be arranged to assist newcomers. A vegan diet, child care, and ample recreational opportunities will be available.

The Cedar Crest Conference Center is situated on a beautifully landscaped 90-acre campus in a prestigious and remarkably pollution-free section of Allentown. Convenient and well-equipped meeting facilities are only a few steps away from the modern, air-conditioned residential hall. The city is located within easy access by air, bus, or private automobile from major population centers. It is only 50 miles from Philadelphia, 90 miles from the New York City metropolitan area, and 150 miles from Washington.

The conference is open to all individuals who are ready to translate their vegetarian, animal rights, and related concerns into social change. The modest cost can be further allevi-

ated by the availability of nearby camp-grounds and a limited number of working internships. Early inquiries are encouraged to assist in the planning effort and to permit "early-bird" registration discounts. They should be directed to: ACTION FOR LIFE, Box 5888, Washington, DC 20014.