

PLAN OF WORK FOR 1940-1943

COMMITTEE ON RECREATION

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There was an old hymn of our youth "We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion," which crystallized the longings and the aspirations of those ancient days for a heaven free of earthly cares and toil. The trouble was that sometimes so much fervor was spent in singing the hymn that there wasn't enough left to tackle the unpleasant earthy things necessary to be combatted to make this a heaven on earth.

Ever since its organization the national Recreation committee has had a Zion - an ultimate objective toward which all its work has been directed:

YEAR-ROUND RECREATION FOR ALL AGES, UNDER TRAINED PERSONNEL,
TAX-SUPPORTED AS IS ANY OTHER SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL NECESSITY.

Whether the emphasis has been on the home, the school as a neighborhood recreation center, or after-school play, it all leads toward this objective.

Toward a Plan of Work for the next three years, your national chairman submits the following suggestions:

SUGGESTIONS FOR STATE CHAIRMEN

For your own basic information read, at least, the pamphlet "Recreation - A Major Community Problem"* and "The Theory of Play."* If you have not already done so, get for your kit on social recreation "A Handbook for Recreation Leaders."* Ask your library for these. The national chairman will be glad to send you on request a full bibliography on recreation too long to print here.

Build up a lending library which you can loan to local parent-teacher groups. Have in it besides books a wide range of information pamphlets and material, game kits with instructions as to how they can make their own kits.

One state has formed state recreation teams that put on play nights at association, council, district, and state meetings.

Help associations plan play evenings, or furnish materials.

Keep local associations informed of: available free and inexpensive material, speakers on recreation, recreational leaders who can help them in training and in other ways. We can send you the names we have listed here of superintendents of recreation for your state if you ask.

Find out from the state agencies mentioned below what helps and free material they have available.

*See Bibliography