

couraging; video readily captures the energies and imaginations of this age group. The first video workshops have been designated for adolescents twelve to fifteen. The Foundation has found the filmmaking experience of particular significance to children and older teenagers; younger teenagers respond powerfully to the immediacy of video.

At Video Rivington, daily tapes in Spanish and English are produced with the active participation of some parents. Using the immediate events of their lives as a basis, the Rivington videotapers make video dramas, documentaries, and comedies. Their tapes are shown to responsive audiences of parents and friends at the storefront's weekly video parties. At the Public School the students have elected to work in two video techniques: Interview and improvisation. Their tapes are played back weekly for the entire student body in the school lunchroom.

The target population for Community Newsreel Feature Stories is the 200,000 residents of the lower east side area bounded by Houston Street, the Bowery, the East River, and City Hall, including Chinatown. The creation of a local network of news is a vital interest to this community, which is largely neglected by the major media. Commercial coverage of the lower east side is generally confined to a news of a sensational nature. CNFS reports to these residents on issues of concern and interest to them.

CNFS has produced short news films and videotapes on such subjects as programs for the aged, birth control, housing problems, community/police relations, drug treatment centers, local performing arts groups, street festivals, weddings and sporting events. Some CNFS films and tapes are being shown, on a pilot basis, at such diverse neighborhood

facilities as churches, social clubs, housing projects and settlement houses. They will also be screened at pool halls, supermarkets, laundromats, movie houses and libraries. Thus far, feedback from this kind of on-the-spot showing has been enthusiastic.

CNFS material has attracted the attention of WNET/Channel 13 News. Young Filmmaker's Foundation is under contract to supply color, synchronous sound film programs from the lower east side on a regular basis. Videonews tapes and features will be made available to Public Access Channels on cable television.

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