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Report of the major developments in the Technical Assistance Administration during the month of June 53

## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION

The following is a report of the major developments in the Technical Assistance Administration during the month of June 1953.

### DIRECTOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE

During the month the Director-General spoke on technical assistance to audiences in Worcester, Mass., Greenwich, Conn. and Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Preparatory work was completed for the Technical Assistance Committee, the 16th session of ECOSOC, the 25th Meeting of the Technical Assistance Board, and the working parties on local costs and use of currencies.

### Financial Operational Activity (excluding Central Administrative and Indirect Operational Costs):

Total obligation and expenditure as at 30 June (Including Geneva as at 31 May) .....	\$3,229,174.56
Total obligation and expenditure as at 31 May (Including Geneva as at 30 April) .....	2,906,780.58
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Total activity for June 1953 .....	322,363.98
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The total number of experts working in the field in June was 215.

### ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

During the month one Basic Agreement with Ecuador, and one combined Basic and Supplementary Agreement with Japan were signed. Five Supplementary Agreements were signed (with Burma, Ceylon, the Philippines and Turkey). Under negotiation during June were 9 Supplementary Agreements (with the Dominican Republic, India, Iraq, Jordan, Liberia, Libya, the Philippines and Uruguay) covering 19 experts, and one Basic Agreement (with Liberia).

### General Administrative Services Section

A total of 401 Service Requests were handled by the section during the month of June.

Several studies were made of problems associated with the spending of certain currencies of which there appears to be a surplus at the present time, and arrangements were discussed with the Bureau of Finance for the setting up of procedures for a certain amount of currency control and management, with a view to providing the department with better currency information.

Two Resident Representatives and six experts were at Headquarters for briefing, eight experts for reporting, and two Resident Representatives for consultation. The monthly shipment of general publications and basic library material was dispatched.

Twelve experts' reports were processed during the month, and requests for approximately \$100,000 worth of equipment were submitted to Purchase and Transportation Division of C&GS, including five out of the six major purchasing projects planned two months ago.

In recruitment of experts, 24 appointments were confirmed, and among recruitment requests outstanding, 26 are pending with governments, and 48 are in various other stages of recruitment.

#### Fellowships Office

Between 1 January and 30 June 1953, 330 fellows and scholars began their observation and study abroad, while arrangements have been completed for 181 others.

#### European Office of TAA

During the month placement facilities have been arranged for 24 fellows, and a short introductory course for 11 economic development and public administration fellows was held for two days.

A meeting of Briefing Officers of UNTAA and the Specialized Agencies was held on 10 and 11 June. It was decided to continue the common briefing centre for experts of WHO, ILO, WMO, ITU and UNTAA at Geneva as the results have proved satisfactory.

Nine experts were briefed en route to their countries of assignment, and two short-term experts in social welfare subjects completed their missions to Austria and Switzerland, and to Norway.

Sixty-six persons of 9 nationalities are participating in the Exchange Plan Seminar "In-Service Training in Techniques of Working with Individuals" which began in Paris on 29 June and reports have been received from participants in the seminar "The Foster Home Care of Children" held in Graninge, Sweden in May, which had an attendance of 57 from 17 countries. The level of participants in the exchange plan seminars continues to be extremely high including directors of schools of social work, officials of ministries of social welfare and public health officials.

#### PROGRAMME DIVISION

#### Office for Asia and the Far East

At the end of June 70 experts were in the field in Asia and the Far East.

The following candidates have been accepted by governments:

Rogers	-electric power	-Burma
Colmer	-photogrammetry	-India
Aidenoff	-statistics	-Thailand

One expert was appointed : Holliday, town planning expert, Indonesia.

The following experts arrived in the field:

Fitzmaurice	-building material expert	-Burma
McVoy	-labour productivity	-Indonesia
de Neuman	-industrial development	-Indonesia

The names of the following candidates have been submitted to governments:

Strandberg	-Chemical engineer	-Ceylon
Schafer	-Chief Planning engineer	"
Lush	-Legislation on Public Cooperations "	
Nunn	-Economic Planning	-Pakistan
Ecochard	-Town Planning	"
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Collinger)	-Paper Products	"
Gattiker	-Soda Ash	-India
Stang	-Mineral Development	-Burma
Elander	-Iron and Steel	-China
Gilmore	-Economic Planning	-Cambodia

Philippines: The new Resident Representative for the Philippines formerly Acting FARR in Burma, Mr. J.P.B. Ross, spent ten days at UNTAA Headquarters in June. The draft 1954 Philippines programme was discussed with him. The proposed Statistical Training Center and the Pulp and Paper Mission were discussed in detail.

#### Office for Europe, Africa and the Middle East

At the end of June 77 experts were in the field in Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

The following experts arrived in the field:

Aslto, K.K.	-Fertilizer Production	-Saudi Arabia
Armstrong, P.F.	-Statistics	-Turkey
Bloch, H.S.	-Statistics	-Israel
Cortez, H.	-Power Production	-Libya
Teodorovic, B.	-Village Housing and Planning	-Egypt
Baigent, H.	-Electrical Engineer	-Yugoslavia
Linderoth, H.	-Industrial Consultant	-Yugoslavia

Israel: On 29 May 1953, the Gravure Section of the Security Printing Department of the Government of Israel in Jerusalem was opened officially, producing the first postage stamps to be photogravure printed in the new State. Thus, the first step towards printing all her own banknotes, securities, stamps, etc. within the country was taken by Israel with the assistance of Mr. O.L. Lillien, the UNTAA expert.

Mr. Simon Williams, Textile expert recently completed his mission and returned to the United States.

Turkey: Mr. Paul Armstrong (Canada), expert in mining geology, left on a year's assignment in Turkey. He will engage in prospecting, studying and evaluating ore deposits and interpreting geophysical data.

In addition two other experts are recruited for the Turkish programme; Mr. Sturen from Sweden is to advise on standardization of industrial products, and Mr. Jonhagen, also from Sweden, on general statistics.

Jordan: Mr. Nagorski, TAA expert, recently visited London as adviser to the Government of Jordan in connection with the tenders for construction of the port of Aqaba by a British consulting engineering firm. Work on the port of Aqaba, which is of great significance to Jordan's foreign trade has made considerable progress; the recently established Port Authority has started functioning. Mr. Nagorski is paying particular attention to the problem of installations for loading of phosphates which appear to be one of the main items of wealth of Jordan. As the growth of traffic at this port would call for improvement and development of the means of transportation (highways), the TAA will shortly supply an expert on road construction to the Government of Jordan.

#### Office for Latin America

During the month there were 70 experts in the field.

The following experts arrived in the field:

Mrs. E. Fox	-Child Welfare	-El Salvador
Childs, H.L.	-Lecturer on public relations, School of Public Administration	-Brazil
Chaetagnol, R.	-Hydro-electric power	-Costa Rica
Quesada, A.	-Agriculture-transferred from FAO	-Peru

The following experts completed their assignments:

O. Lemieux	-Statistician	-Colombia
O. Arrus	-Statistician	-Cuba
A. Lopez Gallegos	-Municipal finance	-Ecuador
J. Calzada	-Fiscal expert	-Ecuador
H. Natos-Arreaza	-Income tax administration	-Ecuador
L. Dorich	-Town planning	-Peru
G. McAnally	-Cement	-Peru
J. Rey Alvarez	-Chief of Mission	-Central American
J.H.T. Clarke	-Transport economy	-Transport Seminar
C. Elias	-Road transport	- "
E.W. James	-Roads consultant	- "

#### Central American Transport Seminar

The Central American Transport Seminar was held in San Jose, Costa Rica between 9 and 20 June. Twenty-two participants attended from the various Central

American countries. In addition the Seminar was attended by most of the experts who took part in the Central American Transport Survey, as well as observers from international and non-governmental organizations, bringing the total number of participants to over forty. Participants from the governments were in general agreement with the 122 recommendations made in the report of the Survey Mission, which were the principal bases for discussion. These recommendations constitute the first stage of a long range programme for the improvement of transport facilities in Central America.

#### Central America Economic Integration Project

The Resident Representative for Central America, Mr. Jose Antonio Mayobre, was at Headquarters for meetings with TAA and TAB officers after his trip to Europe where he was briefed on the work of UNESCO, ILO and FAO in Central America.

Mr. F. Tejera Paris, TAA staff member, is now in Central America making arrangements for the Advanced School of Public Administration which is to open in Costa Rica in January 1954.

The first expert on the FAO-TAA forest products, pulp and paper mission, assumed his duties in June. He is Mr. E. Hillia, FAO forest products expert.

Ecuador: Miss Ana Casis, from Panama, will undertake a six-month assignment in Ecuador in order to assist in the Census Population that will be carried out in that country with the assistance of the Technical Assistance Administration.

El Salvador: Mrs. Eneida Fox arrived in El Salvador to advise on the organization of a National Childrens' Congress and to start an evaluation of childrens' services, the latter being a project in which the United Nations, WHO, ILO, FAO and UNICEF are interested.

Jamaica: Miss Maude T. Barrett, Regional Social Welfare Adviser for Central America, Panama and the Caribbean, participated in a social welfare training course in Jamaica, giving a number of lectures on relevant subjects and on the programme of the United Nations and its agencies in the social welfare field as a whole.

Uruguay: Miss Laura Vergara, regional representative in South America started a two months mission in Uruguay to assist in the development of a plan towards the establishment of a national school of social work. This preliminary survey mission is being undertaken with a regional representative of WHO, as the type of training required at the school combines social welfare and public health aspects.

#### Public Administration Division

Brazil: Professor Harwood Childs, U.S., was briefed and took up his assignment as Lecturer on Public Relations at the School of Public Administration, Rio de Janeiro. Professor Michael Louw, Union of South Africa, accepted the post of lecturer on Principles of Public Administration for the second semester of this year.

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Ecuador: Mr. Mario Galan Gomez, Colombia, left for Quito after discussions at Headquarters as head of the team of fiscal experts in Ecuador, which now consists of himself and Messrs. Derobert, Switzerland, and Wiese, Dominican Republic. A fourth member may be needed shortly.

Panama: M. Lucien Ehrhardt, France, has been appointed expert on tax administration in Panama.

Paraguay: Mr. Antoine Kleyn, Netherlands, completed his assignment as expert on Rural Community Organization in Paraguay; his extensive report is being edited for submission to the Government.

Libya: Mr. H.C. Elvins, Australia and Mr. F.A. Hynes, Ireland, were appointed for Libya as experts in Public Administration and Personnel Management respectively.

Turkey: Professors Y. Abadan, T.B. Balta and S.L. Meray, of the University of Ankara, Turkey, Acting Director and lecturers respectively at the Institute of Public Administration, and Professor S.S. Onar of the University of Istanbul, visited Headquarters during a tour through the United States.

Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean: Mr. Henry Bloch, Director of the Fiscal Division, ECA, visited Mexico City for the final preparation of the Workshop on Budgetary Management. Messrs. Raul Moncayo, Chile, Alan T. Peacock, U.K., and Raúl Salinas, Mexico, have been invited as consultants; Mr. Hugo Navajas Mogro, of this division, will function as executive secretary.

Seminar on Public Administration - Istanbul: The list of participants is nearing completion; preparatory work and papers on the problems related to the impact of economic development on public administration are progressing satisfactorily.

ECAP Region: Mr. Walter Laves, Secretary-General of the regional Conference on Organisation and Administration of Public Enterprises in the Industrial Field, started on a voyage to Bangkok and a number of participating countries after the provisional agenda and other preparatory plans had been completed in discussion and agreement with Dr. Lokanathan. Mr. U Nyun, from ECAP Headquarters, will accompany him through the area. The Conference is projected in the second part of March at Rangoon. Discussion about the proposed Institute of Management will be continued after Mr. Laves' return.

IIAS: Final agreement was reached with IIAS, LSA and TCA concerning a technical assistance review entitled "Progress in Public Administration" to be published regularly by IIAS, beginning early September. Material for the first number was dispatched to Brussels. The review will have English, French and Spanish editions.

Contacts with LSA and TCA: A meeting took place at Headquarters between the Division and representatives of LSA and TCA on 19 June. Mr. Russell, LSA country director in the Philippines, gave a description of the new Institute of Public Administration established at Manila by the Universities of Manila and Michigan, with LSA assistance. Mr. Ahmed related his recent experiences in the Middle East and Turkey. The review to be published by IIAS, LSA assistance to the Institute of Public Administration in Turkey and other matters of common interest were discussed.