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Central America: A team of three French experts is to be sent to the region to assist the countries of Central America in solving their acute electric power shortage.

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The team will study the present supply of electric power in relation to the general economic development of the region; possible improvements of existing electric power plants; the present and future needs of the area in relation to available resources; the networks and inter-connections which could be developed; the costs of electrical development and the funds available for the integrated project.

Peru: The Junta de Reconstrucción and Fomento Industrial de Cuzco has requested the return of Mr. S. McAnally to Cuzco to complete his previous inspection and study of the installation of a cement factory. Mr. McAnally's present task is to determine the proper site for the factory and the preparation of plans for bids.

Inter-American Centre of Biostatistics: Thirty-three students of the Inter-American Centre of Biostatistics completed the academic part of their work in early September and are now engaged in the three months' programme of practical demonstration work, which is in the form of in-service training. For the most part, this demonstration work is carried out in the statistical offices of the Chilean Government. The graduation exercises for the 1953 course will be held at the end of November.

#### PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Ecuador: The Government has requested the services of an expert in government accounting and auditing to assist the chief of the group of fiscal experts in Ecuador in their work on the revision of the structure of the

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Iraq: In response to a recent request from the Government, TAA has agreed to provide, under the regular programme in public administration, the services of an expert in municipal administration and taxation to advise the municipal officials of Baghdad and other principal cities.

Nicaragua: The Government has accepted the candidacy of Mr. J.D.M. Smith (U.K.) as expert in Budget Administration. Mr. P.A. Gianazza (Uruguay), expert in Customs Administration, arrived in Managua after briefing at headquarters and at the ECLA branch office in Mexico, D.F.

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Central America: A team of three French experts is to be sent to the region to assist the countries of Central America in solving their acute electric power shortage.

The experts, who are on loan from Electricité de France for the assignment, visited New York during September prior to a four-month field survey of the electric power situation. They will later draw up a plan for the development of the region's power supply. The experts are: F. Bordrionnet, expert in distribution and markets; A. Desneiges, expert in thermo-electricity; and M.A. Pfaff, expert in hydro-electricity.

The team will study the present supply of electric power in relation to the general economic development of the region; possible improvements of existing electric power plants; the present and future needs of the area in relation to available resources; the networks and inter-connections which could be developed; the costs of electrical development and the funds available for the integrated project.

Peru: The Junta de Reconstrucción and Fomento Industrial de Cuzco has requested the return of Mr. S. McAnally to Cuzco to complete his previous inspection and study of the installation of a cement factory. Mr. McAnally's present task is to determine the proper site for the factory and the preparation of plans for bids.

Inter-American Centre of Biostatistics: Thirty-three students of the Inter-American Centre of Biostatistics completed the academic part of their work in early September and are now engaged in the three months' programme of practical demonstration work, which is in the form of in-service training. For the most part, this demonstration work is carried out in the statistical offices of the Chilean Government. The graduation exercises for the 1953 course will be held at the end of November.

#### PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Ecuador: The Government has requested the services of an expert in government accounting and auditing to assist the chief of the group of fiscal experts in Ecuador in their work on the revision of the structure of the

national budget. TAA has agreed to provide as soon as possible the services of an expert for three months.

Iraq: In response to a recent request from the Government, TAA has agreed to provide, under the regular programme in public administration, the services of an expert in municipal administration and taxation to advise the municipal officials of Baghdad and other principal cities.

Nicaragua: The Government has accepted the candidacy of Mr. J.D.M. Smith (U.K.) as expert in Budget Administration. Mr. F.A. Gianazza (Uruguay), expert in Customs Administration, arrived in Managua after briefing at headquarters and at the ECLA branch office in Mexico, D.F.

Central America: Mr. E. Tejera Paris has completed, at headquarters, a report embodying detailed proposals for the establishment and operation of the regional Advanced School of Public Administration. His report will be presented by TAA to the October meeting of the Committee of Ministers of Economy at San Jose, where Mr. Tejera will act as technical adviser to Mr. A. Oropeza Castillo, Chief of the Office for Latin America, who will represent the Secretary-General.

Central America and the Caribbean Region - Budget Management Workshop: Participants from eleven countries attended the Workshop which was held in Mexico, D.F. from 3 to 11 September. A number of practical case studies were presented by participants and Messrs. S. Rossen (Fiscal Division, ECA) and H. Navajas Mogro (Public Administration Division, TAA), who have returned to headquarters after assisting at the Workshop, report that much useful and practical work was accomplished. Mr. J. Moscarella (Fiscal Division, ECA) will remain in Mexico for a further period to assist Mr. V. Urquidi (ECLA) in the preparation of the final report.

Public Administration Seminar - Istanbul: Mr. F. Shehab (Public Administration Division, TAA) returned after assisting in the preparation and conduct of the international seminar on the impact of economic development on Public Administration which took place in Istanbul (14-25 September). Although participants from several countries were at the last moment unable to be present, eighteen working papers were prepared and twelve countries were represented among the group which did attend.

Messrs. F.J. Tickner and F. Rivera of this Division and Mr. E. Tejera Paris were in Washington on 10-11 September to participate in panel discussions on technical assistance in public administration and on comparative public administration during the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association.

The first issue of the periodical publication, "Progress in Public Administration", published by the International Institute of Administrative Sciences under the co-sponsorship of UNTAA is off the press and in process of distribution in many countries.